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THE last of the surplus graduates became 2d lieutenants this week through the death of Col. R. B. Ayres, 2d Art., and the resignation of Capt. John F. Mount, 3d Art., with two vacancies in the cavalry and five or six more to occur in the line by appointment therefrom to the vacant staff positions, the non-commissioned officers may yet receive commissions by the first of the year.

WORK on the *Texas* has been abandoned and will not be resumed until the corrected plans for the ship are ready. As stated in the JOURNAL, owing to defective plans, it was decided to suspend work, pending an investigation, and as no board has yet been appointed, it is not likely that anything will be done on her for some time to come. The facts are as we have stated them, in spite of assurances to the contrary, which have been published.

THE commission on the defences of Canada, appointed by order-in-council last spring, is about to commence operations. The commission as originally named was: Lieut.-Col. Middleton, Col. Powell, Adjt.-Gen., Maj.-Gen. Oliver and Lieut. Col. Irwin, Inspector of Dominion Artillery. General Oliver having gone to England, his place will be taken by the new commandant of the Royal Military College, Gen. Cameron. For the present the commission will content itself with the examination of different reports, plans, maps and despatches pertaining to Canada's defences now in possession of the Department. Subsequently the Deputy Adjutants-General of the different districts may be called upon to supply what additional information is required.

THERE seems to be a general impression in Washington that Congress will, ere long, provide by law for the grade of Lieutenant-General, so that Major-General Schofield may be advanced to it, and the senior Brigadier, now commanding a Division, promoted to Major-General. In this connection the Washington Sunday Herald appropriately says: "The line of the Army is a Lieutenant-General's command alone, and a great nation like ours should have no anomalies in its general administration, and the public sense is in harmony with this sentiment. Personally, there could be no better appointment than Major-General Schofield, who combines military skill, that has been thoroughly proved, and technical knowledge, with unusual executive ability. He is something better than a mere soldier. He has the broad, practical views of a man who knows the world, and especially appreciates the needs of his own country."

IN his Thanksgiving discourse, the Rev. Dr. Storrs, of Brooklyn, said: "We may also be thankful that some things that in the past have sometimes appeared as sources of peril may be now definitely remitted to the past and cease to be occasions of anxiety. One is the thought of a military dictatorship. It was feared in regard to Washington and in regard to Grant. There was no more of military dictatorship in Grant than there is of lightning in a stone quarry, or of volcanic explosion in a fruitful meadow. My friends, look at this election—sixty millions of people and more, between eleven and twelve millions of ballots! Do you think it likely that a man on horseback is ever

likely to govern this country? No; he is a vanished ghost. There is no more risk of this nation ever being controlled by military despotism than there is of the tide, at its fulness and power, being driven back by the waving of a red flag in front of it."

WHILE the calendars of both Houses overstocked with measures that cannot possibly be considered, the Service committees consider it a waste of time to devote much attention to the bills still before them, and as a consequence very little work may be expected from any of them, except what is necessary in connection with the Army and Navy Appropriation bills, and upon nominations. The House Naval Committee is the only one of the Service committees that held a meeting this week. The estimates of the Navy Department were under consideration, but beyond a decision to have the clerk proceed with the preparation of the Naval Appropriation bill no actual business was transacted. Some remarks were made complimentary to the Secretary of the Navy for his magnanimity in submitting estimates of \$26,000,000 to be expended by his successor, when he estimated only \$23,000,000 for the naval establishment during his own administration. Very little was said in regard to appropriations for new vessels, but the opinion was generally expressed that the appropriations asked for continuing work upon those already commenced should be allowed. The inventor of Belduke's combination propeller was before the committee and explained the merits of his invention.

ONE thing, reports the N. Y. Sun, "upon which General Harrison is going to take strong grounds in his message is the necessity for liberal expenditures for coast defences. It has become known since election that while writing his letter of acceptance the General had under consideration the famous letter of Samuel J. Tilden upon that subject, and the question of whether or not the recommendations made in it should be incorporated in substance into the letter of acceptance, was discussed by the General and his advisers. It was finally agreed that it would be better policy to leave the matter alone, lest the Democrats should claim that it was simply stealing a leaf from their book. Now that the election is over no such considerations need interfere with the free expression of his views by the President elect, and those who profess to know something of his mind say that the inaugural address will strongly reiterate the views so ably expressed by Mr. Tilden." The paper in which Mr. Tilden presented his views was, as we have before stated, prepared and submitted to Mr. Cleveland for incorporation into his first message to Congress. We have always thought that he made a mistake in not adopting it. Mr. Harrison will show excellent judgment if he follows its suggestions. It was the result of very careful inquiry, for which no man was better fitted than Mr. Tilden, and certainly no one can suspect this great Democratic leader of being either indifferent to or incapable of judging of the current of popular opinion.

THE Peace Society are making an assault upon the Pennsylvania N. G. in an appeal addressed to the taxpayers declaring that the act taxing Philadelphia for the benefit of the Guard is unconstitutional. They say further:

It is in the nature of military establishments, whether under the form of "National Guards" or

a standing army, to usurp authority and take from the people the management of their own funds. This movement in Pennsylvania is but a part of an extensive movement throughout the country to augment the military power, and thus establish a privileged class in our midst, who will profit by the appropriation of money, ostensibly for military purposes, but in reality to promote the indulgence of a few at the expense of the many. The first clause of the act (No. 20) makes the militia of the commonwealth "at all times" subject to the orders of the officers. This, therefore, is in effect a standing army, and this act goes on to designate the officers and their respective ranks, from major general down to company commanders, perfecting a complete military organization always ready for action.

The people of this commonwealth have never asked for this act. They do not want a power in this State superior in strength and discipline to their own. The experience of all the nations of Europe that have permitted military establishments in their midst is and indeed. The liberties of the people are completely overridden by a ruthless despotism from which there is no means of escape except by leaving their native land. This is the secret of the vast emigration to the United States, and now and then the same spirit of military despotism is insidiously at work, overriding, as far as is prudent, until more strength is obtained, the rights to self-government. If this system be permitted to fasten itself upon our Commonwealth, it will not be long before remonstrance will be in vain, and the will of the people will be defied.

Unless the people of Pennsylvania show their hostility to these military movements now, they will have abundant time in which to regret their neglect, when their authority is usurped by an arrogant, unscrupulous power, having the whole active militia of the State under their orders.

With the fact well established, by repeated cases, that arbitration is the practical method of settling difficulties, and we are sustained in this view by the highest military authority of the present century, by Grant, Sherman, and Sheridan, we claim that it is not only unnecessary, but prejudicial to public interest and calculated to keep alive a spirit which is subversive of republican as well as the highest religious institutions and methods. We, therefore, ask that those who sympathize with these views will write for memorials for the repeal of these laws and forward them to his or her representatives in the Legislature of the State of Pennsylvania.

This movement in Philadelphia is an illustration of the difficulties with which we have to contend in this country in maintaining military organizations. Another illustration comes from Wisconsin, which has recently elected a Governor, Hoard, who is reported to sympathize with that honest, but mistaken, granger element which holds that the militia are a useless tax upon the resources of the States. The result is shown in a proposition to substitute for the efficient Adjutant General of Wisconsin, a wealthy farmer from Eastern Wisconsin. The State has been fortunate in having General Chandler P. Chapman as its Inspector General and Adjutant-General. It would be a misfortune if his services were lost to the State. He is a military man from the ground up. He has never attempted to carry water on both shoulders at once: to sit on the stool of policy and politics at any time. He is personally acquainted with, and can call by name, every man in the National Guard of the State who has been for twelve months in the service. He is competent to perform all of the duties of every position subordinate to his own in the event of war or any necessity demanding the services of Wisconsin troops. He is better informed than any other man in the State regarding the resources, routes and roads. Adjutant-General R. C. Drum has found frequent reason to compliment the absolute accuracy and thoroughness with which the records of Wisconsin concerning the period of the Rebellion, have been kept by General Chapman. The methods by which he has made a biographical record of every soldier from the Badger State who aided to suppress the Rebellion have been patterned after by other States. General Chapman deserves a monument for his services in this respect alone, apart from what he has done outside of the State capital.

PERSONAL ITEMS.

MAJOR H. E. NOYES, 4th U. S. Cavalry, is the new commander of Fort Bowie, Arizona.

MRS. SHERIDAN, widow of Gen. Sheridan, has returned from her business trip to Canada.

GENERAL R. S. GRANGER, U. S. Army, and Mrs. Granger are in Washington for the winter season.

LIEUTENANT E. R. HILLS, 5th U. S. Artillery, left Fort Monroe, Va., on Friday last on a week's leave.

CAPTAIN T. M. K. SMITH, 23d U. S. Infantry, has rejoined at Fort Porter, N. Y., from a week's leave.

CAPTAIN WILLIAM KRAUSE, 3d U. S. Infantry, of Fort Meade, Dakota, will spend the winter on leave.

LIEUTENANT J. B. HUGHES, 10th U. S. Cavalry, has rejoined at Fort Apache, Ariz., from a six months' leave.

CAPTAIN W. F. CARTER, assistant surgeon, U. S. A., is North from Fort Ringgold, Texas, on a month's leave.

GENERAL ALEXANDER J. PERRY, U. S. Army, has located at the Hotel Pleasanton, San Francisco, for the winter.

LIEUTENANT G. W. GATCHELL, 4th U. S. Artillery, rejoined at Fort Adams, R. I., on Monday from a brief leave.

LIEUTENANT ALBERT TODD, 1st U. S. Artillery, has left San Francisco for San Antonio, where he is to be married.

CAPTAIN A. C. MARKLEY, 24th U. S. Infantry, was expected to leave Fort Apache, Ariz., this week on a month's vacation.

CAPTAIN H. J. NOWLAN, 7th U. S. Cavalry, returned to Cincinnati early in the week from a pleasant trip to Dayton.

QUARTERMASTER EDWARD CHYNOWETH, 17th U. S. Infantry, will spend the winter on leave for the benefit of his health.

LIEUTENANT C. R. NOYES, 9th U. S. Infantry, on duty at West Point, is a recent guest at the Grand Hotel, New York City.

UNDER recent orders, Capt. J. H. Dorst, 4th U. S. Cav., and his troop change base from Fort Huachuca to Fort Verde, Arizona.

CHAPLAIN G. W. DUNBAR, U. S. A., and family, were expected to arrive this week at the Presidio of San Francisco, from Dakota.

COLONEL E. A. CARR, 6th U. S. Cavalry, assumed command of the District of New Mexico, Dec. 26, with headquarters at Fort Wingate.

MAJOR E. B. BEAUMONT, 4th U. S. Cavalry, under recent re-arrangement of troops in Arizona, changes base from Fort Bowie to Fort Huachuca.

LIEUTENANT S. O'CONNOR, 23d U. S. Inf., recruiting officer at Evansville, Ind., has returned there from a visit to Louisville on recruiting business.

LIEUTENANT A. B. DYER, 4th U. S. Artillery, of Fort Adams, is still at San Francisco—and it is expected will remain there until after the holidays.

MAJOR H. M. CRONKHITE, Surgeon, U. S. A., left Little Rock Barracks, Ark., early this week for the North, to spend November and December on leave.

LIEUTENANT H. C. SCHUMM, 21 U. S. Artillery, left Staten Island this week for New Orleans, and will spend the winter on duty at Jackson Barracks.

GENERAL H. A. MORROW, U. S. A., arrived at Ft. Laramie, Wyo., this week, to sit as President of the important Court-martial appointed by Gen. Brooke Dec. 5.

MAJOR J. M. BACON and Lieuts. L. R. Hare and W. J. Nicholson, 7th U. S. Cav., have rejoined at Fort Riley, Kansas, from a pleasant trip to Ft. Gibson, I. T.

LIEUTENANT ALFRED HASBROUCK, Jr., 14th Inf., who has been for some time past on sick leave, at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., has had his leave extended two months.

CAPTAIN JOSEPH U. CRAWFORD will, at the request of the Board of Managers, relate at the United Service Club, Philadelphia, on Wednesday, Dec. 5, 1888, at 8 p. m., "From Seven Pines to Malvern Hill with Hooker."

CAPTAIN JAMES JACKSON, 1st U. S. Cavalry, relinquished this week his short but pleasant tour of duty as Acting Inspector General, Division of the Atlantic. He will remain in New York, however, for the winter.

FORT NEBRASKA, Neb., will present a gay scene on Thursday evening of next week, Dec. 13, on the occasion of the marriage of Lieut. G. S. Bingham, 9th U. S. Cav., to Miss Antoinette Lynch, daughter of Lieut. Edward Lynch, 8th U. S. Inf.

COLONEL J. P. MARTIN, assistant adjutant general, now at San Antonio, has, says, the Kansas City Times, the faculty of catching on with the boys without any trouble. During the races of the Texas State fair he was appointed by the board of directors one of the timekeepers. A good Kentuckian is like one of the thoroughbreds of that State, he is known on sight.

AMONG those present at the reception given by Lafayette Post, 140, in Masonic Hall, Saturday evening last, to Commander-in-Chief Warner, of the G. A. R., were observed Colonel John Hamilton, U. S. A., and Captains J. A. Fessenden and E. L. Zalinski and Lieut. Frank Thorp, 5th U. S. Artillery. Colonel Hamilton is Senior Vice Commander of Lafayette Post.

CAMP Monte Sano, Huntsville, Alabama, is now a thing of the past. Colonel H. G. Littlefield, U. S. A., and the troops of the garrison at St. Augustine, returned there from Huntsville this week. The camp, taking it all in all, was a pleasant one, and the troops of the 2d U. S. Artillery, stationed at St. Augustine and at Fort Barrancas, will remember their tour of duty there with pleasure.

CAPTAIN R. B. BENHAM, Assistant Surgeon, U. S. Army, is East from Fort Laramie on a month's leave.

CAPTAIN J. B. RODMAN, 20th U. S. Infantry, lately visiting in Chicago, has had his leave extended one month.

CAPTAIN H. P. KINGSBURY, 6th U. S. Cavalry, leaves Fort Stanton, N. M., in a few days on a long sick leave.

CAPTAIN H. C. CUSHING, 4th U. S. Art., returned to Fort Adams, R. I., this week from a short leave of absence.

LIEUTENANT W. S. ALEXANDER, 4th U. S. Art., rejoined at Fort Monroe early in the week from a short leave.

GENERAL ABSALOM BAIRD, U. S. A., visited New York City early in the week, registering at the Fifth Avenue Hotel.

LIEUTENANT O. L. HEIN, 1st U. S. Cav., left Fort Leavenworth early in the week to spend December and January on leave.

LIEUTENANT J. D. MILEY, 5th U. S. Artillery, rejoined at Fort Columbus, N. Y. H., this week from a trip to Fort Leavenworth.

LIEUTENANT SAMUEL REBER, 4th U. S. Cavalry, a recent arrival at Fort Myer, Va., has taken charge of Signal instruction matters at that post.

LIEUTENANT F. J. PATTEN, 21st U. S. Infantry, who has recently been a guest at the Hotel Vendome, New York City, has had his sick leave extended one month.

LIEUTENANT V. H. BRIDGMAN, 2d U. S. Art., will remain a few weeks at Huntsville, Ala., on private business before joining his battery, now at Ft. Barrancas, Fla.

LIEUTENANT A. CRONKHITE, 4th U. S. Artillery, and his fair bride, have joined at Fort Trumbull, Conn., and received a hearty welcome there and in New London.

The marriage of Assistant Surgeon William L. Kneedler, U. S. A., on duty, at West Point, to Miss Daisy H. Merrick, youngest daughter of Hon. A. H. Merrick, of Minneapolis, will take place in that city on Thursday next, Dec. 13.

MAJOR E. C. BAINBRIDGE, 3d U. S. Artillery, left Newport Barracks, Ky., this week, to spend December and January on leave. During his absence the command of the post will devolve upon Capt. John L. Tiernan, 3d Artillery, an experienced officer.

GENERAL W. T. SHERMAN, U. S. A., returned to New York early in the week from his sad journey to St. Louis. He has published a letter acknowledging generally the letters and telegrams, expressing the sympathy of his friends, which are to numerous for separate replies.

The survivors of the Iron Brigade have taken preliminary steps towards a permanent organization. This brigade was first commanded by Gen. W. T. Sherman, then by Brig. Gen. King, and next by Gen. John Gibbon, who commanded it during most of the severe engagement in which the brigade took part.

CAPTAIN W. MCK. DUNN, 2d U. S. Artillery, under orders issued this week, transfers his battery from Little Rock Barracks to Jackson Barracks, New Orleans. This leaves Graves's light battery alone at the former post during the winter, but, doubtless, the garrison of Little Rock will be reinforced in the spring.

THE Nashville Daily American says: "A tea of elaborate appointment and fashionable attendance was followed by a dance in the evening, Tuesday, given by Mrs. W. K. Miller in honor of Dr. and Mrs. William G. Spencer, U. S. A., who have been quite a toast among their friends during their visit to Mrs. Spencer's old home."

GENERAL PORfirio DIAZ was on Dec. 1 inaugurated President of the Mexican Republic with due pomp and ceremony. His new term of office dates from Dec. 1, 1888, and will end on Dec. 1, 1892. The inaugural exercises took place in what is known as the Iturbide Theatre, City of Mexico, where Congress is now in session.

CAPTAIN D. J. YOUNG, Ordnance Storekeeper, U. S. A., will be retired for age on Tuesday next, Dec. 11, after an honorable service in that position, dating from Dec. 11, 1865. His connection with the Ordnance Department in many responsible positions, however, dates from 1853. During the war he rendered efficient service at Washington and at Harper's Ferry.

On Tuesday evening a dinner was given at the Queen City Club by Captain and Mrs. O'Connell, U. S. A., in honor of Miss Mary Butterworth and Miss Morrill, the handsome debutantes. The dinner in all its arrangements was one of the most elegant ever served, even at the "Swell Queen City." The guests of the occasion were Mrs. and Miss Butterworth, Miss Morrill, Captain Russell, U. S. A., Mr. Howe and Mr. Morrill, of Washington, D. C., and Ben Butterworth, Jr. After the dinner the party adjourned to the Grand Opera House to see Mrs. Langtry.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

The San Francisco News-Letter says: "General Howard, who left yesterday to assume his new command at the East, takes with him his two aides, Lieutenant Chase and Lieutenant Greble, the latter of whom will be muchly missed in some quarters where he had become a decided favorite. General Howard's successor is General Miles, and it is the intention of the National Guard to give him a reception at the Palace Hotel soon after his arrival in San Francisco. Old timers of twenty odd years ago will probably remember a very lovely child, the only daughter of Admiral (then Captain) and Mrs. Baldwin. She grew into a most beautiful woman, and several years ago married an Englishman named Deacon, and became one of the beauties of Great Britain, where she has since her marriage resided. It is probable that upon hearing of her father's fatal illness she was hastening to his bedside, as the news has been received here by telegraph of her death at sea the same day her father died, and her remains reached New York the day before his funeral."

LIEUTENANT J. B. EATON, 3d U. S. Artillery, left Washington early in the week on a short leave.

LIEUTENANT G. R. BURNETT, 9th U. S. Cavalry, visiting at Lafayette Hill, Pa., will spend the winter on leave.

CAPTAIN GEORGE MITCHELL, 2d U. S. Artillery, left Washington this week to join his battery at St. Augustine, Fla.

MR. AND MRS. JOSEPH CHAMBERLAIN arrived in Paris, Dec. 3, en route to Italy, where they are to remain until Christmas.

ADJUTANT B. A. BYRNE, 6th U. S. Infantry, left Leavenworth Nov. 23, on a month's visit to relatives in Washington.

LIEUTENANT S. J. MULHALL, 14th U. S. Infantry, was expected at Falls Church, Va., the latter part of this week to spend the winter.

LIEUTENANT H. L. HAWTHORNE, 2d U. S. Artillery, expects to leave Mt. Vernon Barracks, Ala., early next week on a fortnight's vacation.

M. ZALEWSKI, a veteran of Napoleon's Grand Army, celebrated his hundredth birthday Dec. 4. He is a survivor of the retreat from Moscow and resides at Bordeaux.

LIEUTENANT DR. C. CABELL, 8th U. S. Cavalry, whose wife died recently at Fort Meade, has left with the remains and will not return until the latter part of January next.

COLONEL FRED. GRANT is a recent visitor to Gen. Harrison at Indianapolis, and it is expected that Mrs. Harrison will shortly pay a visit to Mrs. Grant, Sr., in New York City.

LIEUTENANT L. P. DAVISON, 11th U. S. Infantry, bade farewell to friends at Fort Ontario, N. Y., this week, and started for Willet's Point to take the course of torpedo instruction.

LIEUTENANT S. M. FOOTE, 4th U. S. Artillery, arrived in New York from Europe early in the week and will shortly join Smith's battery at Fort Adams. He is at present visiting at Fort Monroe, Va.

PERRY BELMONT, the new Minister to Spain, is a Perry rather than a Belmont in personal appearance. He is slightly built and dark, with thoughtful dark eyes and dark mustache. His manners are not only those of a gentleman, but of a particularly amiable gentleman.

COLONEL EDWARD P. VOLLMER, U. S. A., in charge of the Medical Purveying Depot, New York City, and family have settled for the winter at Hotel Glenham, 5th Avenue and 23d Street. Mr. Paul Edward Vollmer is from Mexico, and will spend the winter in New York.

SURGEON C. B. BYRNE, U. S. A., has, says the Washington Post, purchased two large lots in Prebrey's sub division of Washington Heights, the lovely suburban property lying northwest of the city, and several other Army officers are contemplating purchasing and building in the same neighborhood.

LIEUTENANT R. W. DOWDY, 17th U. S. Inf., travelling abroad, was recently in Munich and is now in Vienna, where he will remain four or five weeks. His health, we are glad to learn, is improving, but he will have to take another course of the "Carlsbad treatment," so will not be able to return this month, as expected, but hopes to be able to join his regiment early next April.

THE fourth annual meeting of the Sons of the Revolution at Delmonico's, New York City, on Monday evening, Dec. 3, commemorated the 105th anniversary of Washington's farewell to his officers. After supper there were addresses, mainly upon historical subjects, by Capt. William Badger, 6th U. S. Int.; Gen. Horatio C. King; Judge-Advocate Asa Birn Gardiner, U. S. A., Secretary of the Cincinnati, and others.

H. M. C. in a vigorous letter to the Commercial Gazette, advocates General James H. Wilson for the position of Secretary of War, and says: "He is an educated soldier. Was a major-general at twenty-six, and served on Grant's staff with distinction. A man should be taken for the place who is accustomed to the administration of affairs. No one could do this as well as General Wilson, and the entire Army would hail with cheer his accession to the portfolio of war."

REFERRING to the recent arrival of General N. A. Miles, U. S. A., in San Francisco, the Chronicle says: "When the General appeared in the corridor of the Palace Hotel, a party of half a dozen or more could not at first believe that the quiet, pleasant-looking gentleman in citizen's attire was really Gen. Miles, the hero of many battles with the Indian tribes of the frontier. The only sign of the soldier was the badge of the Grand Army of the Republic worn on the left top buttonhole. Col. W. R. Smedberg, U. S. Army, and a number of other gentlemen called upon General Miles during the afternoon, and old Army reminiscences were brought up and discussed."

A NEW YORK correspondent gives the following as the wealth of actors: Joseph Jefferson, \$5,000,000; Edwin Booth and Lillian Langtry, each \$1,000,000; Lawrence Barrett, \$750,000; Mrs. Crabtree (Lotta's mother), \$800,000; James O'Neill, \$650,000; Thos. F. Kelly, Philadelphia, \$500,000; Eugene Tompkins, Boston, \$400,000; Clara Louise Kellogg, \$300,000; Isaac B. Rich, Baltimore, Mary Anderson and Kate Claxton, each \$250,000; Richard A. Hooley, Chicago, Augustin Daly, Henry C. Miner, Helena Modjeska, each \$200,000; M. B. Leavitt, San Francisco, John A. Hamilton, St. Louis, Buffalo Bill, Mrs. D. P. Bowers, and Fanny Daventry, each \$150,000; Agnes Booth, A. M. Palmer, W. Edward Harrigan, Mrs. Thomas W. Keene, Maggie Mitchell, Rosina Vokes and James Lewis, each \$100,000; Oliver Doud, Byron, Tony Pastor and Milton Nobles, each \$75,000; Ada Rehan and Louis Aldrich, each \$50,000; Abby, Schottel and Grau, \$16,000; Nellie McHenry, \$10,000. This shows that the actors are a prosperous guild. They are about to take possession of a handsome club house, presented to the Actors' Club by Edwin Booth, on Gramercy Park, New York, adjoining the house built by the late Samuel J. Tilden for his town residence.

COL. JOHN MENDENHALL, U. S. A., left Fort Trumbull, Conn., on Tuesday on a short leave.

LIEUT. WALTER HOWE, 4th U. S. Art., left New London, Conn., on Tuesday on a short leave.

CAPTAIN J. S. BISHOP, 13th U. S. Inf., who is visiting in New York City, has had his leave extended two months.

LIEUT. W. N. BLOW, 15th U. S. Inf., who has been visiting at Lumberton, Va., will prolong his visit over the holidays.

LIEUT. F. S. RICE, 1st U. S. Artillery, who has been relieved from active service, is expected East during the winter.

MAJ. GEN. O. O. HOWARD, U. S. A., who is visiting friends in Illinois, is expected to reach Governor's Island early next week.

LIEUT. JOHN McCLELLAN, 5th U. S. Art., of Fort Columbus, N. Y. H., spent a few days this week with friends in Washington, D. C.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL LESLIE SMITH, 20th U. S. Infantry, who will soon be retired, is at No. 250 West 49th street, New York City.

ASST. SURG. W. D. DIETZ, U. S. A., of Alcatraz Island, Cal., has been on a pleasant visit to Fort Bayard, N. M., where he met many old friends.

We regret to learn that Meade, youngest child of Colonel A. C. Wildrick, U. S. A., and Mrs. Wildrick, of Fort Hamilton, is down with scarlet fever.

CAPT. JAMES ALLEN, 3d U. S. Cav., after relinquishing duty at West Point, will spend a month in the North before joining his troop at Fort Brown, Tex.

MAJOR E. B. BEAUMONT, 4th U. S. Cavalry, is expected in San Antonio towards the end of December, to report to Gen. D. S. Stanley for special duty.

LIEUT. C. W. HARROLD, 3d U. S. Art., on leave from Fort McHenry, Md., was expected to arrive at Victoria, Lake County, Fla., the latter part of this week.

CAPTAIN GEO. H. TORNEY, Assistant Surgeon, U. S. A., on leave from Fort Monroe, visited New York early in the week and afterwards left for Washington.

CAPT. A. W. GREELEY, U. S. A., who was in Atlanta, Ga., this week, in attendance on the sessions of the American Forestry Congress, met many old friends there.

CAPT. A. H. RUSSELL, Ordnance Dept., U. S. A., having got through with his duties at Cincinnati, will return in a few days to his permanent station—Frankford Arsenal.

LIEUTENANT E. S. BENTON, 3d U. S. Artillery, having completed duty at Cincinnati in connection with the Centennial Exposition, will shortly join Burbank's light battery at San Antonio.

DURING the past week examination papers were sent out by the Surgeon-General of the Army for the examination of 12 privates who are candidates for the position of Acting Hospital Steward.

The engagement of Lieut. C. M. Truitt, U. S. A., and Miss Ivy M. Love, of Buffalo, N. Y., daughter of the late General George M. Love, is announced. Lieutenant Truitt is junior aide-de-camp to General Brooke, and a bright and popular young officer.

ACTING HOSPITAL STEWARDS CHARLES W. R. VOS RADESSKY, Fort Sill, Indian Territory, and Frederick Schumacher, Fort Randall, Dakota, have been promoted to the position of Hospital Steward, having passed the required examinations before a Board of Army Medical Officers.

CAPTAIN A. V. CHERBONNIER, Military Storekeeper, U. S. A., at St. Louis, writes us with reference to the statement that he has brought suit to compel his father-in-law to carry out an anti-nuptial agreement to give him and his wife two houses and lots has been decided against him on the ground it was not in writing: "This is mixing things up rather badly. The suit was that of my son, Edward G. Cherbonnier, against me, to compel me to carry out an agreement to give him a home. The case has been tried four times, with amendments, and each time decided in my favor."

The death, at Fort Hamilton on Dec. 4, of Colonel Romeyn B. Ayres, 2d Art., somewhat changes the programme of promotions in the Artillery arm. Lieut.-Col. John Mendenhall, 4th, now becomes Colonel of the 2d; Major R. H. Jackson, 5th, Lieutenant-Colonel of the 4th; Captain Tully McCrae, of the 1st, Major of the 5th; 1st Lieut. Allyn Capron, 1st, Captain, and 2d Lieut. M. F. Harmon, 1st, 1st Lieutenant. This changes the programme, so that on Jan. 25 next, when Col. Tidball retires, the following promotions will ensue: Lieut.-Col. L. L. Langdon, 2d, to Colonel 1st; Major R. T. Frank, 1st, to be Lieutenant-Colonel 2d; Capt. John Egan, 4th, to Major 1st; 1st Lieut. R. P. Strong, 4th, to Captain, and 2d Lieut. O. M. Lissak, to 1st Lieutenant, 4th. Captain J. F. Mount, 3d Art., having resigned, Nov. 30, 1st Lieut. James O'Hara becomes Captain, 2d Lieut. D. J. Rumbough 1st Lieutenant, Additional 2d Lieutenant. Payton C. March, 3d Artillery, becomes 2d Lieutenant, and Additional 2d Lieutenant Eugene T. Wilson, 5th, becomes 2d Lieutenant 1st Artillery.

A BUFFALO correspondent says: "A well-known Buffalo boy some years since witnessed the military wedding in Milwaukee which was the prototype of the cavalry wedding in 'Marion's Faith,' one of the most popular of the delightful Army stories of Captain King. This was the marriage of Margaret Sanderson to Captain Otho W. Budd, Troop C 4th Cav., which was held in a Milwaukee church in June, 1884. Captain and Mrs. King were both at this wedding. The Buffalo boy says that every item in King's account was given just as it occurred in Milwaukee. The amusing incident of Blake and the bridegroom, 'Billy' Ray, flinging the vestry door locked against them, the suggestion of Blake's that he break a buck through the window, and crawl in at the risk of spoiling their uniforms, and the final act of the twain in going to the front of the church and clanking up a side aisle not a moment too soon for the ceremony, are vouched for as having actually occurred. It might be interesting to add that the Buffalo boy who witnessed this wedding was Chau-

cev M. Depew, nephew and namesake of the President of the New York Central Railroad."

SECRETARY WHITNEY returned from New York on Wednesday morning.

CHIEF ENGINEER E. D. ROBB, U. S. Navy, of Norfolk, Va., visited New York City this week.

CHIEF ENGR. J. LOWE, U. S. N., of the *Thetis*, is a recent guest at the Occidental, San Francisco.

SURGEON P. H. HARVEY, U. S. N., of the *Mohican*, is a recent guest at the Occidental, San Francisco.

LIEUT. S. A. STAUNTON, U. S. N., of Washington, visited friends on Pine street, Philadelphia, thus week.

LIEUTENANT AARON WARD, U. S. N., is in Washington on a short visit. He has apartments at the Riggs House.

COMMANDER A. G. KELLOGG, U. S. N., who came to Washington to eat Thanksgiving turkey with his family, returned to his ship, the *Ossipee*, on Wednesday.

PAYMASTER S. R. COLHOUN, U. S. Navy, was in Washington, during the early part of the week on official business. He is on special duty at the Navy yard, Norfolk.

The engagement of Miss Eleanor Porter, daughter of Admiral D. D. Porter, U. S. N., and Mr. Charles Campbell, of Washington, is announced. The wedding will take place early next year.

REFERRING to the late Surgeon W. J. Simon, U. S. N., the *Newport News* says: He was a quiet, unassuming man, and was highly esteemed by many friends in Newport, both in and out of naval circles.

The engagement is announced of Ensign Edward Walter Hoerle, U. S. Navy, of the U. S. Fish Commission steamer *Albatross*, to Miss Tazie Hamilton Harrison, youngest daughter of Randolph Harrison, of San Francisco.

MRS. WHITNEY, wife of the Secretary of the Navy, will be at home informally to her friends on Saturday in December. After January 1 Secretary and Mrs. Whitney will issue cards for Friday evenings in January.

LIEUTENANT-COMMANDER JOHN J. BRICE, U. S. N., one of the brightest officers in the Service, has reported for ordnance duty at the Washington Gun Foundry. He and Mrs. Brice have taken apartments at the Hotel Arno for the winter.

LIEUT. W. C. IRWIN sailed from New York on Saturday for the South Atlantic Station, where he will be assigned to duty by Rear Admiral Gilhs. It is understood that he will be on the staff, and will be made flag lieutenant of the station.

It is announced that Vice-Admiral Geo. Willes Wilson, R. N., will get the North American command, which will shortly become vacant by the promotion of Vice-Admiral Lyons, and that Capt. Chas. C. Drury, now serving at Whitehall, will go out as his flag captain.

The term of Commodore John G. Walker, Chief of the Bureau of Navigation, Navy Department, will expire Oct. 21, 1889, and not in January of next year, as stated by several journals. Of course, the new Secretary, whoever he may be, will have the appointing of his successor, but it is expected that the Commodore will succeed himself.

PAYMASTER ROBERT W. ALLEN, U. S. Navy, is in Washington, and has apartments at 1113 I Street, N. W. He will only remain in them for about a month, and then will occupy his own house, 1215 Nineteenth Street, which he rented while absent in China. As before mentioned in the JOURNAL, he will be ordered as General Storekeeper of the Washington Navy-yard, Jan. 1.

THERE are quite a number of eligible unmarried naval officers on duty in Washington at the present time, young, good-looking, and, in several instances, well off in the world's goods. As the city is crowded with pretty girls and heiresses, it will not be surprising to learn before the season is finished of a number of naval engagements, which the JOURNAL will take pleasure in chronicling.

A BOARD, consisting of Naval Constructors S. H. Pook, President Philip Hobson and R. S. Steele, members, will meet at the Navy Department, Dec. 17, for the purpose of examining Assistant Naval Constructors John F. Hanscom, John B. Hoover, Richard Gatewood, Joseph Feaster and F. T. Bowles for promotion to the next higher grade. It will be remembered that these officers were nominated and confirmed for promotion at the last session of the Senate, but their commissions have not been issued to them, the Secretary having decided, as previously stated in the JOURNAL, that they must be examined physically and professionally, as in the case of other officers. On account of the late illness of Assistant Constructors Gatewood and Bowles, it is feared by some that these two officers may not be able to pass the physical examination at this time.

MR. LOUIS WALDECKER, chief clerk of the Bureau of Navigation, Navy Department, is dangerously ill at his residence in Washington, from rheumatic gout. Mr. Waldecker came to this country years ago and enlisted as a private in the Marine Corps. He was one of the party of the North Polar Expedition under the late Admiral John Rodgers, and was with him in the old sloop of war *Vincennes*. Upon his return, Mr. Waldecker accepted a clerkship in the Bureau of Navigation, and upon the promotion of Mr. B. F. Green to be a Professor of Mathematics in the Navy was appointed chief clerk. He is considered one of the finest draftsmen in the country. His long service in the Department endears him to all with whom he comes in contact. He is one of the best story tellers in the Department, and as a practical joker stands in the front ranks. He is one of the true stock of the "old Navy," and, although sick, nigh unto death, his friends still hope that he may be spared for many a day to come. "On deck everybody" was his favorite expression whenever there was any rush of work in the bureau. May it apply to "Wally" now in the sincerest hope of everybody connected with the Navy Department.

SENATOR HAWLEY is receiving the congratulations of his fellow members of Congress upon being made, at the age of sixty-two, the happy father of his first child.

NAVAL CONSTRUCTOR J. B. HOoven, U. S. N., of the New York Navy-yard, whose wife died Nov. 29, has suffered another loss in the death of his sister, which occurred Dec. 1.

WITH reference to the statement concerning the residence "near the York street gate" of the Brooklyn Navy-yard, which appeared in the *Brooklyn Eagle*, we are informed that the house in question was assigned by the Secretary of the Navy for bachelor quarters before Lieut. Paul came to the yard, and for a mess who desire to join. The fact that the bachelors' mess at present consists of two assistant naval constructors, one assistant surgeon and two lieutenants, does not indicate such a contest as the *Eagle* describes.

RECENT DEATHS.

THE ARMY will learn with profound regret of the death, Dec. 4, of that distinguished officer and gallant old soldier, a veteran of two wars, Brevet Major-General Romeyn B. Ayres, Colonel of the 2d U. S. Artillery. General Ayres relinquished command of his regiment at St. Augustine in April last, and came to New York for medical treatment, and took up his residence at Fort Hamilton, N. Y. Harbor, where he was stationed for several years, and where his death occurred. General Ayres was born at East Creek, Montgomery Co., N. Y., Dec. 20, 1825, so that the day of his death was just about a fortnight in advance of his sixty-third birthday. A splendid officer, a genial acquaintance, a loving husband and father, and a steadfast friend, the country has lost a servant to whom a large need of honor and respect is due. His military service is recorded briefly as follows: He entered West Point in 1843, and was graduated in 1847, some of his fellow graduates being John Hamilton, O. B. Willcox, John S. Mason, James B. Fry, H. G. Gibson, A. E. Burnside, John Gibson, C. L. Best, Charles Griffin, H. M. Black, T. H. Neill, W. W. Burns, E. L. Viele and L. C. Hunt, all of whom have been faithful servants of their country. During the War of the Rebellion the services of General Ayres were of the highest order.

On graduation he was promoted brevet 2d Lieutenant, 4th Art.; 2d Lieutenant, 3d Art., Sept. 22, 1847; 1st Lieutenant, March 16, 1852; served in the war with Mexico; in garrison 1848-55, frontier duty, 1855-59; Fort Monroe, 1859-61. He was promoted captain, 5th Art., May 14, 1861, and during the war received the brevets of every rank up to that of major-general, and his promotion to major-general volunteers for gallant and meritorious service, and the brevet of major-general of volunteers for conspicuous gallantry and faithful service. He served from the Manassas Campaign, 1861, to the surrender of Lee at Five Forks. He was Chief of Artillery, 6th Army Corps, and commanded a brigade and division in that corps and the 3d Div. Prov. Corps, 1860, and the District of Shanoandoah, 1865-66. He was mustered out of the volunteer service, April 30, 1865; appointed lieutenant-colonel, 23d Inf., July 26, 1866; transferred to the 19th Inf., March 15, 1869, and to the 3d Art., Dec. 15, 1870, and promoted colonel, 2d Art., July 18, 1873. No man saw more service than Gen. Ayres, for he participated in all the operations of the Army of the Potomac, from Bull Run to Five Forks, and the number of distinct engagements, large and small, in which he took part must have numbered at least half a hundred. He was wounded at the siege of Petersburg, June 20, 1864, but not sufficiently to keep him out of the battle of the Weldon Road, which followed two months later. The pallbearers at Fort Hamilton were Gens. Israel Vogdes and C. H. Tompkins and Cols. Piper, Sutherland, Mordecai and Loder.

Gen. Ayres was twice married. A son by his first marriage is 1st Lieut. C. G. Ayres, 10th U. S. Cav. His second wife and two little girls survive him. The funeral services took place at Fort Hamilton on Thursday under the direction of Col. Alex. Piper, 5th U. S. Art. The batteries of the 2d Art., at Fort Wadsworth, participated in addition to the troops in garrison at Fort Hamilton, and many prominent officers and civilians and comrades of the Loyal Legion and G. A. R. etc., were present. In the evening the body, in charge of a commissioned officer and escort, was taken to Washington and received with due ceremony there on Friday morning by Col. H. G. Gibson, 3d U. S. Art., and the troops of the Washington garrison and taken to Arlington Cemetery, where they were interred with military honors. Many old friends and comrades attended and amid general sorrow and mourning the remains of the gallant Ayres were committed to the tomb.

REAL ADMIRAL EDWARD SIMPSON, U. S. N., a distinguished and highly respected Naval officer, died at Washington, D. C., Dec. 1, of Bright's disease. He was born in New York, entered the Navy in 1840 and in 1846 attained the grade of passed midshipman and as such served on the *Vixen* in the Mexican war. His record during his service in the Mexican war was honorable. He was present at the attack on the forts of Alvarado under Commodore Connor, at two attacks on Tabasco under Commodore Perry, at the capture of Tampico under Commodore Perry, and at several other engagements, and at the siege of Vera Cruz. After further service in the Brazil squadron he acted as assistant instructor in Naval Gunnery and Infantry Tactics at the Naval Academy, in 1853-54. He was promoted master in 1854 and lieutenant in 1855, and under Commander Foote was engaged in the bombardment and cap-

ture of the Barrier forts in the Canton river. At the beginning of the war he was on duty at the Naval Academy, and was commissioned lieutenant-commander in 1862. During 1863 he was in command of the ironclad *Passaic* in the South Atlantic Squadron, and took part in the attack on Fort Wagner in July and August, on Fort Sumter in August and September, and Fort Moultrie in August and November. In 1864 he was in command of the steamer *Insomnia* off Wilmington and the Bahama Banks, and was engaged in the operations before Mobile, from March 27 to April 12, 1865, when the city capitulated. In 1865 he was promoted commander and in 1870 captain, and continued to render efficient service in many responsible positions at home and abroad. He was promoted Rear Admiral February 9, 1884. Having been appointed president of the Gun Foundry Board, he was in Europe several months on duty. On his retirement he became president of the Advisory Board, which position he gave up in 1885 for that of president of the Board of Inspection. He was retired from active service March 3, 1886. The funeral took place at Washington, Dec. 2, from St. John's Episcopal Church, the pall bearers being General Augur, U. S. A., Vice Admiral Rowan and Rear Admirals Almy, Ammen, Crosby and Rodgers. Thereafter the remains were taken to Cypress Hills Cemetery, Long Island, for interment. He leaves three children; two daughters and one son. His daughters were with him at his death, but his son, Edward, an Ensign in the Navy, is at present on the Pacific Coast, attached to the *Thetis*.

MANY officers of the Army who have served during the past 15 years in the Departments of the Plate and Dakota, will learn with deep regret of the death of John G. Thomson. Mr. Thomson came to America shortly after graduating from Oxford, England. He served for many years as Post Trader in the Department of the Plate and as Chief Clerk in the Quartermaster's Department at Fort Lincoln, Dakota. He was by birth and education a gentleman. During his checkered career, he experienced strange vicissitudes of fortune, but, under all circumstances, he retained those qualities which endeared him to everyone with whom he was thrown in contact.

Mrs. CABELL, wife of Lieut. De Rosey C. Cabell, 8th U. S. Cav., died at Fort Meade, Dakota, Nov. 21. She was the daughter of Col. Elmer Otis, 8th Cav. The gay wedding in February last at Fort Davis, Texas, of Miss Marie Otis to Lieutenant Cabell will be remembered by many, and now how sad to think that the young husband is so soon bereaved.

The Hon. Alexander Evans, a distinguished Marylander, who died at Elkton, Md., Dec. 5, was the son of the late Surgeon Amos A. Evans, U. S. Navy, and brother of Col. A. W. Evans, U. S. Army, retired.

ALBRIGHT SWINEFORD, a veteran of the War of 1812, died a few days ago at Middleburgh, Pa., aged 93.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

It is known that President Cleveland held Gen. Sheridan in very high esteem, and he gives expression to his regard for him in his annual message, saying:

The death of Gen. Sheridan in August last was a national affliction. The Army then lost the grandest of its chiefs. The country lost a brave and experienced soldier, a wise and discreet counselor, and a modest and sensible man. Those who in any manner came within the range of his personal association, will never fail to pay deserved and willing homage to his greatness and the glory of his career; and they will cherish with more tender sensibility the loving memory of his simple, generous, and considerate nature.

The President also says:

I earnestly request that the recommendations contained in the Secretary of War's report, all of which are, in my opinion, calculated to increase the usefulness and discipline of the Army, may receive the consideration of the Congress. Among these the proposal that there should be provided a plan for the examination of officers to test their fitness for promotion is of the utmost importance. This reform has been before recommended in the reports of the Secretary, and its expediency is so fully demonstrated by the argument he presents in its favor that its adoption should no longer be neglected.

We make the following extracts from the message:

Communism is a hateful thing and a menace to peace and organized Government. But the communism of combined wealth and capital, the outgrowth of overweening cupidity and selfishness, which insidiously undermines the justice and integrity of free institutions, is not less dangerous than the communism of oppressed poverty and toil, which, exacerbated by injustice and discontent, attacks with wild disorder the citadel of rule.

Since my last annual message our foreign relations have been strengthened and improved by performance of international good offices and by new and renewed treaties of amity, commerce, and reciprocal extradition of criminals.

A revision of our pension laws could easily be made which would rest upon just principles and provide for every worthy applicant. But while our general pension laws remain confused and imperfect, hundreds of private pension laws are annually passed which are the sources of unjust discrimination and popular demoralization.

Near the close of the month of October last occurrences of a deeply regrettable nature were brought to my knowledge, which made it my painful but imperative duty to obtain, with as little delay as possible, a new personal channel of diplomatic intercourse in this country with the Government of Great Britain.

The coastal (sic) boundary between our Alaskan possessions and British Columbia, I regret to say, has not received the attention demanded by its importance, and which on several occasions heretofore I have had the honor to recommend to the Congress.

It is sincerely hoped that by the cessation of the influx of this class of Chinese subjects, in accordance with the expressed wish of both Governments, a cause of unkind feeling has been permanently removed.

Legislative provision is hereby recommended to organize and equip consular courts in Corea.

Under color of a blockade, of which no reasonable notice had been given, and which does not appear to have been sufficiently maintained, a seizure of vessels under the American flag has been reported, and, in consequence, measures to prevent and redress any molestation of our innocent

merchantmen have been adopted. In conformity with Congress the maritime powers have been invited to confer in Washington in April next upon the practicability of devising uniform rules and measures for the greater security of life and property at sea. A disposition to accept on the part of a number of the powers has already been manifested, and if the co-operation of the nations chiefly interested shall be secured important results may be confidently anticipated.

The number of existing principal consular offices is believed to be greater than is at all necessary for the conduct of the public business. It is a mistaken philanthropy, every way injurious, which prompts the desire to see the Apaches returned to their old haunts.

The report of the Secretary of the Navy demonstrates very intelligent management in that important department, and discloses the most satisfactory progress in the work of reconstructing the Navy made during the past year.

A department (P. O. Department), whose revenues have increased from \$19,772,000 in 1870 to \$62,700,000 in 1888, despite reductions of postage, which have enormously reduced rates of revenue while greatly increasing its business demands the careful consideration of Congress.

I cannot too strenuously insist upon the importance of proper measures to insure a right disposition of our public lands, not only as a matter of present justice, but in forecast of the consequences to future generations. Nor should our vast tracts of so-called desert lands be yielded up to the monopoly of corporations or grasping individuals, as appears to be much the tendency under the existing statute.

The condition of our Indian population continues to improve, and the priests multiply that the transforming change, so much to be desired, which shall substitute for barbarous enlightenment and civilizing education is in favorable progress.

The number of pensioners added to the roll during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1888, is \$60,254; and increase of pension was granted to 45,716 cases. The names of 15,720 pensioners were dropped, and at the close of the year the number of persons of all classes receiving pension was 482,567. One hundred and two different rates of pension are paid to these beneficiaries, ranging from \$2 to \$416.00 per month. The amount paid for pensions during the fiscal year \$75,775,861.92, being an increase over the preceding year of \$5,908,260.22. The expenses were \$3,282,534.67, making the entire expenditures 2½ per cent of the gross income and nearly 31 per cent of the total expenditures of the Government during the year. I am thoroughly convinced that our general pension laws should be revised and adjusted to meet, as far as possible in the light of our experience, all meritorious cases.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR.

The report of Secretary Endicott is a perfunctory document, simply summing up the statements and recommendations of his subordinates. It presents the following statistics:

	Expenditures, Appropriations, Estimates,
	1887-8. 1888-9. 1889-90.
Salaries and contingent.	\$1,972,053.97 \$1,941,116.60 \$1,978,890.00
Military establishment.	23,837,245.11 24,072,784.55 25,298,372.97
Public works.	9,188,516.63 19,318,122.90 14,785,234.72
Miscellaneous.....	6,097,291.36 4,447,910.10 3,575,009.84
Total.....	\$41,165,107.07 \$50,670,034.27 \$44,632,507.53

The Secretary briefly alludes to the facts presented in the report of Gen. Schofield, which we have already given. He gives a brief statement of the history of our latest Indian difficulties in Arizona in answer to the numerous appeals from societies and individuals for the return of the imprisoned Apaches to their reservation in Arizona. The Secretary says:

Not only is it necessary that they should be kept away from Arizona, but Gen. Howard, in command of that Division, is of opinion that other branches of the Apache tribe now in Arizona should also be removed, and says "there is but one relief from the Indians located near San Carlos, and that is their removal from the Territory." It may also be mentioned here that last spring an Indian left Mount Vernon Barracks carrying with him an Indian girl of twelve, and while absent he inflicted upon this child a series of assaults, not to be described, and she was brought back bruised, wounded, and suffering from his brutality. The work, if not of reformation, certainly of amelioration and softening of their savage qualities, is making progress, and they are as contented and happy as they can be anywhere outside of Arizona, for it is to be remarked that they cling to that spot and would resolutely resist and would be very unhappy if moved to any other permanent home.

The work of the military schools in the Army is commendable, and in this connection, says the Secretary, "I desire to call attention to a recommendation contained in the report for 1886 in regard to examinations of officers for promotion, and to renew the same, for the necessity for such examinations is growing more and more evident and is enforced upon us by this recommendation of the commanding general. His suggestion is that a law be enacted, with provisions respecting examination similar to those which govern promotion in the Navy, with such changes and limitations as may be necessary."

Commenting upon the statements in the subordinate reports upon the increase of desertion, the Secretary says:

It is worthy of consideration whether the officers in command of troops at military posts or the captains of companies should not be authorized to impose punishment for minor offences. A statute might be framed resembling those in other countries, and providing that for certain minor offenses slight punishments may be imposed, deduction of pay, short imprisonment, deprivation of privileges, etc., which would reduce the number of trials, do equal justice to offenders, and in the end prove beneficial to the discipline of the Service. The desire for this change is almost universal in the Army, and it would result in great benefit to both officers and enlisted men.

He reviews previous recommendations that a statute be passed, applying to deserters the common law rule authorizing their arrest, as in cases of felony, by private citizens or police officers; that it should be determined by law to what extent the statute of limitations applies to cases of desertion from the Army, and how far minors are liable to military jurisdiction after enlistment, and that a statute should be enacted whereby an attachment against civilian witnesses for contempt would issue upon application to a United States court. The Secretary does not approve of putting electric lights in the grounds and buildings at the Military Academy, but with the other recommendations of the Board of Visitors he concurs.

The increase of the annual appropriation for arming and equipping the militia, with authority to issue quartermaster's as well as ordnance stores, has given a manifest impetus to the militia. All the States and Territories now have an active militia sufficient under the regulations to entitle them to receive ordnance and quartermaster's stores from the United States, excepting the State of Arkansas and the Territories of Arizona, Idaho and Utah.

The attention of Congress is again invited to the defenseless condition of our sea coast and lake frontiers. It would appear now more important than ever that such action

should be taken at the second session of the present Congress in view of the fact that the last session gave appropriations for the construction of heavy ordnance. Without heavy platforms, strong armored protection, and other permanent emplacements, these guns and mortars when finished will be of comparatively little use.

Attention is invited to the report of the Chief of Engineers on the subject of the post of Willet's Point and the engineer depot and Engineer Battalion.

Also to his report upon the construction of roads and bridges in the Yellowstone National Park, and to the necessity of further appropriations for this purpose.

The small appropriation stated in the estimates for surveys required for military purposes, for the publication of maps, including lake charts and local surveys, and for additions to the engraved plates for the use of the War Department, is earnestly recommended.

It is suggested that some action should be taken by Congress to enforce the rights of the United States in navigable streams within the limits of a State, and thus give effect to the duty resting upon the Government to protect navigation thereon.

Referring to the report of the Inspector General, Mr. Endicott says:

The report recommends that officers who wish to go abroad in order to gain a more thorough insight into the condition and requirements of their profession should be encouraged to do so, and not subjected to a reduction of pay while so engaged. The men now enlisting are of as good quality as can be expected, but a larger per cent. of recruits are foreigners, and a strong effort should be made to secure the enlistment of men who are native-born. He accordingly recommends that authority be delegated to each regiment to secure its own recruits, assigning to each regiment a certain geographical district from which to draw them; also that no married men be allowed to re-enlist, that no authority be granted hereafter to soldiers to marry, and that no married recruits be accepted under any circumstances; and that all soldiers be compelled to learn to read and write.

The general instruction of the men is fair. A gymnasium should be provided for each garrison and a progressive system of athletic exercises adopted which would give the men a thorough "setting up." The cavalry, as such, does not appear to be found in a very satisfactory condition. The instruction of the batteries of light artillery seems to be sufficiently good for the guns and materials now supplied, but much of the wagon drill should disappear with the introduction of the new steel gun, and a thorough course of theoretical and practical instruction should be provided for in advance. The introduction of the new guns should be accompanied with a liberal supply of materials for target practice. So much of the course of "Blunt's Rifle and Carbine Firing" as relates to the firing at the known ranges and as skirmishers is carried on with great zeal and intelligence, and the result is that on known ground or at known distances it does not seem to be overstating the case in saying that the exactness of many of our garrisons borders on the marvellous, but reports from inspectors indicate that the instruction in estimating distances is very indifferently taught.

The reports from colleges where Army officers are serving as instructors show that effort is made to instruct the students in practical rifle firing, but that the annual allowance of ammunition for this purpose is entirely inadequate. By a generous supply of ammunition to these colleges for target practice it is possible that competitive contests may be encouraged.

The success attending the establishment of the new system of messing by commands instead of by companies, which has been put in operation at the recruiting depots, has been so marked as to justify the belief that its adoption at all military posts would contribute largely to the comfort and especially the contentment of the troops. Those directly charged with the administrative duties connected with the new system testify not only to its great success, but its approval by all officers who have had an opportunity of examining its workings, and that in the matter of labor and expense it was a great improvement on the system of company messings.

Convinced from former reports and a personal inspection of the workings of the system that good results must flow from its adoption, I have directed that in preparing plans for some of the new military posts provided for by Congress provision should be made for messing the troops by commands instead of by companies. The service is much indebted to Capt. George H. Cook, quartermaster at David's Island, for the skill and intelligence with which he has constructed the consolidated mess kitchen and hall at that post, and attention is called to his report on the subject, annexed to the report of the Quartermaster-General.

The most favorable results have followed the organization of the Hospital Corps. Some embarrassment is experienced, however, owing to a discrimination against the privates of the corps in the matter of pay: to remedy this bills were introduced in both Houses of Congress early in the past session, providing for an increase of \$5 per month, but they were not acted on.

It is recommended that eight volumes of the Records of the Rebellion be issued annually, instead of four. 21 volumes, or 31 books, have already been published, while the work is stereotyped to include Part I of Volume XXVIII., or 46 books; that is 15 books in advance of the publication. The Secretary says: "In concluding this report I desire to call the attention of Congress to the great need of an Assistant Secretary of War. Such an officer is imperatively needed for the proper and efficient administration of this Department. I therefore renew the recommendation made in previous reports, and in the reports of my predecessor, for the appointment of an Assistant Secretary of War."

Gen. Sheridan he says:

The death of Gen. Sheridan in August last deprived the Army of a chief pre-eminently fitted for such command, whose wide experience, ready resources and personal qualities made him a tower of strength in counsel and action. This is not the occasion for eulogy, but those associated with him in the performance of official duty have felt his loss keenly as a personal sorrow, and will ever rejoice to have had the privilege thus to know him.

LECTURES BEFORE THE NAVAL INSTITUTE.

ANNAPOLIS, MD., Nov. 28, 1888

THE Board of Control of the U. S. Naval Institute, having obtained the approval of Capt. A. T. Mahan, President of the Naval War College, have requested Comdr. P. F. Harrington to deliver his lectures on the "Ram as a Naval Weapon," belonging to the War College course, before the members of the Institute and others interested in the subject. The lectures will be delivered in the Institute Hall on Friday evenings. By permission of the Superintendent the Cadets of the first class have been invited to attend. The Board of Control hope to secure other lectures belonging to the same course, during the Winter. The first of Commander Harrington's lectures was delivered Nov. 30. There are two objects gained by having these lectures at the Naval Academy, one is that a number of officers who have been unable to attend the War College will be able to hear them, and the other, a still more important one, is that a large body of officers will be able to judge of the character and importance of the work carried on at the

War College. The lecturers have voluntarily undertaken an arduous and difficult task. The President has not only defined the course and selected the lectures with great skill but has also undertaken most difficult portion of the course himself. The successful working of the War College is undoubtedly, and it has helped to direct the thought of Naval officers toward the real object of their education—War. The study of the material for carrying on war has never been neglected in our Navy; the time is now ripe for the study of the method of war. It is to this latter study that the War College is devoted and it is to be hoped that all Naval officers will assist Capt. Mahan in his efforts to establish it on a firm basis.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1889-90.

ESTIMATES and appropriations for military and naval establishments for fiscal year ending June 30, 1890, are as follows:

MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT.	Amt. ap. for Estimate, current year.
Commanding General's Office	\$11,750
Recruiting, Adj't. Gen. Dept.	114,905
Contingencies, A. G. Dept.	2,500
Contingencies, Insp. Gen. Dept.	1,000
Expenses Signal Service	7,500
Pay, etc., of the Army	13,180,488
Subsistence of the Army	2,068,985
Regular supplies, Q. M. Dept.	2,678,000
Incidental expenses, Q. M. D.	675,000
Horses for cavalry and art., Q. M. D.	150,000
Transportation, Q. M. D.	2,700,000
Barracks and quarters, Q. M. D.	650,000
Const'n and repair hospitals, Q. M. D.	125,000
Quarters hospital stewards, Q. M. D.	25,000
Shooting galleries, ranges, Q. M. D.	10,000
Clothing, camp and garrison equipage, Q. M. D.	1,300,000
Contingencies, Q. M. D.	30,000
Medical and hospital supplies, M.D.	230,000
Medical museum and library, Med.D.	15,000
Engineers, depot at Willett's Point, Eng'r. Dept.	20,000
Current expenses, etc., Ord. Dept.	100,000
Ordnance, ordnance stores, etc., O.D.	490,000
Morning and evening guns, Ord. D.	30,000
Manufacture of arms, Ord. D.	400,000
Total support of Army	\$24,970,058
Military Academy	322,714
	\$23,774,710
	26,073

NAVAL ESTABLISHMENT.	Amt. ap. for Estimate, current year.
Pay of the Navy	\$7,541,779
Pay, miscellaneous	225,000
Contingent	7,000
Navigation and navigation supplies	130,000
Electric lighting plants	60,000
Ocean surveys	30,000
Publication of surveys	10,000
Charts of China, Japan and Pacific Islands	10,000
Naval War College	10,000
Contingent	5,000
Civil establishment, Bu. Nav.	10,000
Ordnance and ordnance stores	514,150
Repairs	15,000
Contingent	10,000
Civil establishment, Bu. Ord.	24,380
Torpedo Corps	70,000
Equipment of vessels	700,000
Transportation and Recruiting Bo.	30,000
Contingent, Bu. E. and R.	20,000
Naval training station	30,000
Civil establishment, Bu. E. and R.	11,325
Maintenance yards and docks	200,000
Contingent, yards and docks	40,000
Civil establishment, yards and docks	49,495
Naval Asylums	50,000
Medical supplies, etc.	57,500
Naval hospital fund	20,000
Contingent, Bu. M. and S.	25,000
Repair, Bu. M. and S.	25,000
Sick quarters, Portsmouth, N. H.	35,000
Medical Director's residence, Mare Island, Cal.	20,000
Provisions, Bu. P. and Clothing	1,224,788
Contingent, Bu. P. and C.	1,066,000
Civil establishment, Bu. P. and C.	40,000
Construction and repair of vessels	71,381
Improvement plant, N.Y. Navy-yard	900,000
Imp't plant Norfolk Navy yard	50,000
Civil establishment, Bu. C. and Rep.	19,972
Steam machinery	800,000
Contingent, Bu. St. Eng.	1,000
Improvement plant, N.Y. yard	155,000
Improvement plant Norfolk yard	60,000
Imp't plant Mare Island yard	55,000
Experimental purposes	25,000
Civil establishment, Bu. St. Eng.	12,900
Total support Navy proper	\$13,537,787
Support Naval Academy	261,513
Marine Corps	921,428
Increase of Navy	
Construction	\$3,540,000
Steam machinery	2,100,000
Armament	4,077,000
Gun plant work, N. Y.	625,000
Total increase of Navy	\$10,342,000
Total naval establishment	\$25,163,028
	\$18,426,124

PROPOSED UNITED SERVICE CLUB.

The Canteen has taken measures to establish a United Service Club in New York and will call a meeting for organization as soon as 100 subscribers at \$20 each can be obtained. This will include the proposed initiation fee of \$3 and the dues of \$15 for resident members. Non resident members are to pay no dues unless they use the club more than seven days in a year, when they shall pay \$2 a month. It is proposed at the start to that the Club shall be run in a very simple and inexpensive manner; with the hope that increased membership will eventually enable it to obtain a home and facilities equal to any of the first class clubs. The expense of the club for the first year will be about \$2,500. Suitable rooms can be had in connection with an establishment where good catering will be provided, at an annual rental of not more than \$1,500. This with salary of a steward and incidental expenses, say about \$1,000 per annum, making up the above mentioned total. Three officers of the Army, Maj. Johnson, Capt. Warren C. Beach and Lieut. G. N. Whistler; one of the Navy, Paymaster H. T. Skelding; three ex-volunteers and 27 officers of militia have thus far signified their intention of joining the club. All members of the club shall be members of the Canteen, in consideration of which the club guarantees the use of their rooms for the monthly meetings of the Canteen. Members of the Canteen who are not members of the Club shall

be entitled to the use of the Club only on such occasions. The committee having the matter in charge are Robert Olyphant, J. W. Flume, A. M. Clark, H. T. Skelding, H. C. Aspinwall, G. N. Whistler.

LOS ANGELES' FAREWELL TO GEN. MILES.

BEFORE leaving Los Angeles for San Francisco, the representative citizens of the former city tendered him a parting banquet, during which most complimentary speeches were made and directed toward their distinguished guest. Mr. J. D. Lynch recalled that the Latin scholar, in going through the declensions, finds Miles, a soldier, and added that the one of that name present was not only a soldier in name, but a thoroughbred in every application of the word. Mayor Workman sounded the keynote of esteem in which Gen. Miles is held in Los Angeles when he said in his remarks: "I, as Mayor of the City, reiterate my sincere sorrow that we are to lose so valuable a citizen. We all feel proud, however, that your leaving us is only because of your advancement in the scale of military promotion." To this complimentary address General Miles made the following response:

I feel very deeply the honors you have seen fit to bestow on me this evening, and though I feel that they have not been fully deserved, I assure you that I fully appreciate and reciprocate them. I came into your midst three years ago and was received with marked distinction, with more cordial hospitality, and to feel that I have retained your good wishes is to me extremely gratifying. During my 27 years of service no station to which I have been assigned has been more pleasant to me than this one; but, as a prominent military man has said, "the life of a soldier is one of eternal sieges." When I take my departure from you on the morrow I will carry with me the recollections of many happy moments here, and shall always retain my service in Los Angeles with feelings of the greatest pleasure. In assuming my new responsibility it would not be fitting for me to boast, for it is not admirable for a man to boast at all; but if I did, it would be that I am an American citizen, living in the nineteenth century, and enjoying existence for the last three years in the garden of America. I would be happy if I could be assured of living 20 or 30 years more, so that I could witness the developments that are in store for the American people. I would like to see the Terrier wheel into the line of Sisyphus and the intelligence of the country show what it can do with the infinite resources at its command. I would like to see how education would add costlier jewels to our store and how our public works and institutes of learning would bring our citizens into the front rank of the cultured nations of the world. Then I would like to pass along the Pacific Coast and see the waters whitened by the sails of American ships carrying our products to the marts of the world—to gaze on a Navy that would correspond to our dignity, and not only guard our coasts, but be a protection to our citizens all over the globe. I would like to see something more than wooden cannons guarding our harbors. I am told that a German man-of-war came into San Francisco a short time ago, and the guns there did not have enough powder to return the salute. I would like to see an Army that would maintain peace among ourselves at home and keep our neighbors respectful and I am sure that as I looked around I would see a nation of 100,000,000 people, greater, happier and more independent than any other nation in the world. On election day I went around from polling place to polling-place, and I marvelled at the order I saw. It seemed as if every patriotic citizen went to his duty as he would to worship his God, and I glory when I think that not one act of violence occurred to mar the solemn occasion. Wherever I go I shall always retain in my heart a warm place for Los Angeles, and hoping to see you all many times again, I wish you and the people of Los Angeles city every success.

THE ARMY

G. O. 90, H. Q. A., Nov. 15, 1888.

By direction of the Secretary of War, the accompanying "Instructions for use of the Service Heliograph," prepared by 1st Lieut. R. E. Thompson, 6th Inf., and approved by the Chief Signal Officer, are authorized and published for the information and guidance of the Army.

By command of Major General Schofield:

R. C. DRUM, Adjutant General.

[We omit the instructions, which occupy nine pages, including two pages of illustrations.]

G. O. 105, H. Q. A., Dec. 4, 1888.

Supplementary to Article LXIX. of the Regulations, it is directed, with the approval of the Secretary of War, that when not prevented by active service, all the available infantry, cavalry, and light artillery of the Army shall devote a part of each summer to practice marches, encampments, manoeuvres, and other field operations simulating the operations of actual war.

For this purpose the available force of each division or department will be assembled in as large bodies as practicable, having due regard to economy and to the location of Indians who may possibly require control.

Concentration will, in general, be made by marches; but in some cases, when the state of the appropriations will permit, infantry may be moved by rail to and from the places of concentration, for the purpose of joint operations with the mounted troops.

Projects will be prepared in advance for each department, separately, or in combination with those of other departments, as the division commander may direct.*

The plans should embrace, in detail, as far as practicable, for each body of troops, all the ordinary operations of active service for a command of its size and composition.

These plans, accompanied by estimates for any additional funds which may be required, will, at a date sufficiently in advance of the field season, be forwarded by the division commander to the Adjutant General, for the action of the Major General Commanding the Army, and the War Department.

By command of Major-General Schofield:

R. C. DRUM, Adj't.-Gen.

G. O. 9, DIV. OF THE PACIFIC, Nov. 23, 1888.

In compliance with the orders of the President, the undersigned hereby assumes command of the Division of the Pacific and of the Dept. of California.

OLIVER O. HOWARD, Major General.

G. O. 10, DIV. OF THE PACIFIC, Nov. 23, 1888.

In compliance with the orders of the President, the undersigned hereby assumes command of the Division of the Pacific and of the Dept. of California.

NELSON A. MILES, Brigadier General.

G. O. 28, DEPT. OF ARIZONA, Nov. 24, 1888.

The undersigned assumes command of the Department of Arizona:

H. G. GATKINSON, Col., 10th Cavalry, brevet Major General,

STAFF CORPS AND DEPARTMENTS.

General Officers.

The journeys performed by 1st Lieut. Charles B. Gatewood, A. D. C., and 2d Lieut. John A. Dapray, A. D. C., from Los Angeles to San Francisco, Nov. 21 and 22 are approved (S. O. 71, Nov. 24, Div. Pacific).

Adjutant and Inspector Generals.

Brig. Gen. Roger Jones, Inspr. Gen., will repair from Governor's Island, N. Y., to Fort Monroe, Va., for medical treatment at that post (S. O. Dec. 5, H. Q. A.).

Pay Department.

The following assignment is made for payments due Nov. 30: Major James P. Caubay, Paymr. Fort Townsend. Major John B. Keefer, Paymr. Forts Walla Walla and Sherman. Major John C. Muellenberg, Paymr., Vancouver Barracks, Vancouver Barracks Ord. Depot, and Boise Barracks (S. O. 133, Nov. 21, D. Columbia).

Payments, to include Nov. 30, will be made as follows: Lieut. Col. Wm. R. Gibson, Dep'y Paymr. Gen., San Antonio. Major Wm. Arthur, Paymr. Fort Clark, Camp Del Rio, Camps at Eagle Pass and Langtry. Major De Witt C. Poole, Paymr., Forts Concho and McIntosh. Major Charles McClure, Paymr., Forts Bliss, Hancock and Davis, and Camp Pena Colorado (S. O. 118, Nov. 23, D. Texas).

The troops will be paid, to include muster of Nov. 30, as follows: Leavenworth Mil. Prison and Ord. Depot, Fort Leavenworth. Lieut. Col. W. A. Rucker, Paymr. Gen., Fort Sheridan and Rock Island Arsenal, Major T. H. Stanton, Paymr. The Cavalry Recruiting Depot and Saint Louis Powder Depot, Jefferson Barracks, Major C. L. Wilson, Paymr. Forts Riley and Hays, Major Alexander Sharp, Paymr. Fort Leavenworth, Major C. H. Whipple, Paymr. (S. O. 148, Nov. 26, Dept. Mo.)

Medical Department.

The leave for seven days granted Capt. George H. Torney, ast. surg., Fort Monroe, is extended three days (S. O. 257, Dec. 6, Div. Atlantic).

Major Henry M. Cronkhite, surgeon, is relieved as member of the G. C. M. at Little Rock Barracks (S. O. 253, Dec. 1, Div. Atlantic).

Major John W. Williams, surgeon, is relieved from further duty with the battalion of the 3d Art., at Fort Wadsworth, and will proceed to join his permanent station, Jackson Barracks (S. O. 256, Dec. 5, Div. Atlantic).

The Medical Director, Dept. Dakota, will proceed to Fort Snelling on duty connected with inspection service of the medical department (S. O. 111, Nov. 21, D. Dakota).

Leave granted 1st Lieut. Robert R. Ball, ast. surg., is extended one month (S. O., Nov. 30, H. Q. A.)

The following changes in stations of hospital stewards are made: Robert F. Gerathy, Camp Pena Colorado, to duty at Presidio at San Francisco. Charles L. Smit, Fort Lewis, to duty at Fort Sill. Thomas Wells, Fort Douglas, to duty at Fort Omaha. Martin Healy, Mount Vernon Barracks, to duty at Camp Pena Colorado. Hospl. Steward John B. Stewart is assigned to duty at Fort Assiniboin. Hospital Steward George Wilcox is assigned to temporary duty at Fort Lowell (S. O., Nov. 28, H. Q. A.)

1st Lieut. Wm. D. Dietz, ast. surg., will proceed to Fort Bayard, N. M., to appear as witness before the G. C. M. in session at that post (S. O. 72, Nov. 26, Div. Pacific).

Act. Hospl. Steward James Smith, Alcatraz Island, will proceed to Fort Apache, A. T., for temporary duty, relieving Hospl. Steward Wm. E. Esser (S. O. 72, Nov. 30, Div. Pacific).

Hospl. Steward John A. Murray, now temporarily stationed at Fort Bliss, Tex., is assigned to duty at that post (S. O., Dec. 5, H. Q. A.)

Hospl. Steward Leon Bichon is relieved from duty at Fort Bliss, Tex., and will proceed to Fort Concho, Texas, for duty (S. O., Dec. 5, H. Q. A.)

Engineers and Ordnance Departments.

Capt. John G. Wright will proceed from Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, to Fort Monroe, Va., and thence to West Point, N. Y., for the purpose of examining and reporting upon certain methods of instruction in use at the Artillery School and the U. S. Military Academy, under such instruction as he may receive from the G. O. of the U. S. Infantry and Cavalry School (S. O., Dec. 6, H. Q. A.)

Lieut. Col. John M. Wilson, C. E., is appointed an additional member of the Board of Officers, constituted by S. O. 38 (S. O. 67, Nov. 22, C. E.)

The following of the Corps of Engineers are assigned as Division Engineers: Col. George H. Menell, Pacific Division, which will embrace the districts at present in charge of Majs. Bouyaud, Jones, Heuer and Handbury, and Capt. Young, C. E.; Col. Henry L. Abbot, Northeast Division, which will embrace the districts at present in charge of Majors Overman, M. B. Adams and Livermore, and Capts. Mahan, Palfrey and Casey, C. E.; Col. Wm. P. Craighill, Southeast Division, which will embrace the districts at present in charge of Capts. Bixby, Black and Abbot, Lieuts. Fiebiger and Carter, C. E., Mr. S. T. Abert and Mr. W. F. Smith, agents; Col. Cyrus B. Comstock, Southwest Division, which will embrace the districts at present in charge of Majors Ernst, Daumrell and Miller, and Capt. Willard, Price, Taber and Fisk, C. E.; Col. Orlando M. Poe, Northwest Division, which will embrace the districts at present in charge of Majors Stickney, MacKenzie, Ludlow, Allen, Davis, Quinn and Lockwood, and Capts. Ruffner and Marshall, C. E. (G. O. 12, Dec. 3, C. E.)

The Mississippi River Commission and the engineer in charge of the works below Memphis, arrived at New Orleans, Dec. 4, from Vicksburg. The works already commenced under the last appropriation are going forward in a very satisfactory manner.

A Board of Officers of the Corps of Engineers, to consist of Lieut. Col. Wm. E. Merrill, and Majors Amos Stickney and Alexander MacKenzie, will assemble at Louisville, Ky., and report upon the revised project for the improvement of Indiana Chute and the Falls of the Ohio at the head of the Louisville and Portland Canal (S. O. 68, Nov. 27, C. E.)

Capt. A. H. Russell, O. D., on the completion of the duty assigned him in connection with the Centennial Exposition at Cincinnati, will join his proper station (S. O., Dec. 1, H. Q. A.)

Signal Corps.

Professor R. B. Fulton will assume charge of the station at University, Miss., relieving Sergt. Marcus J. Wright, Jr., who will proceed to Savannah, Ga., and assume charge of that station (S. O. 117, Dec. 1, Sig. office).

Sergt. Bemer S. Pague is relieved from duty at Philadelphia, and will proceed to Portland, Ore., and assume charge of that station, relieving Sergt. Elvin J. Glass, who will proceed to Linkville, Ore., and assume charge of that station, relieving Sergt. Clayton E. Butler, who will proceed to Helens, Montana, and assume charge of that station (S. O. 118, Dec. 3, Sig. office).

Brig. Gen. Adolphus W. Greely, Chief Sig. officer, will proceed to Atlanta, Ga., to attend the annual meeting of the American Forestry Congress, to be held Dec. 5 (S. O. Dec. 4, H. Q. A.).

THE LINE.

The Stations of Companies not mentioned here will be found by reference to last number of the JOURNAL.

1st Cavalry, Colonel N. A. M. Dudley.

Hdtrs., B., D., E., G., and K., Ft. Custer, Mont.; A and L., Ft. Maginnis, Mont.; I., Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.; C., F., and H., Ft. Assiniboin, Mont.; M., Camp Sheridan, Wyo.

2d Lieut. W. S. Scott is detailed member of the G. C.-M. convoked by S. O. 129 (S. O. 143, Nov. 26, Dept. M.).

Capt. James Jackson is relieved from temporary duty as A. L. G. for the Div. of Atlantic (S. O. Nov. 30, H. Q. A.)

Leave for six months is granted Capt. James Jackson (S. O. Dec. 1, H. Q. A.).

2nd Cavalry, Colonel David R. Clendenin.

Hdtrs., B., E., F., I., and M., Ft. Walla Walla, Wash. T.; A and K., Presidio of San Francisco, Cal.; C and G., Ft. Bidwell, Cal.; D., Boise Bks., Idaho; H., Ft. Spokane, Wash. T.; L., Ft. Sherman, Man., Idaho.

The C. O. Presidio of San Francisco will grant a furlough for two months to Sergt. Samuel Benson, Troop K (S. O. 71, Nov. 24, Div. F.).

3rd Cavalry, Colonel Albert G. Brackett.

Hdtrs., C., E., and M., Ft. Clark, Tex.; B., G., and I., San Antonio, Tex.; D., Ft. Ringgold, Tex.; H., Ft. McIntosh, Tex.; I., and K., Ft. Brown, Tex.; A., Camp at Eagle Pass, Tex.; F., Camp Pendleton, Tex.

Major S. B. M. Young, now at San Antonio, will proceed on public business to Fort McIntosh, thence to Forts Ringgold and Brown, and upon completion of the duties assigned him return to Fort McIntosh (S. O. 118, Nov. 23, D. Tex.).

Leave for twenty days is granted Capt. John B. Johnson (S. O. 119, Nov. 26, D. Tex.).

2d Lieut. Cecil Stewart is relieved from temporary duty with Troop B, and will rejoin his station (S. O. 119, Nov. 26, D. Tex.).

1st Lieut. P. W. West will proceed to Fort Bliss to attend a session of the G. C.-M. there (S. O. 119, Nov. 26, D. Tex.).

Leave for one month, to take effect on being relieved from duty at Military Academy, is granted Capt. James Allen (S. O. Dec. 3, H. Q. A.).

4th Cavalry, Colonel Chas. E. Compton.

Hdtrs., E., G., and L., Ft. Lowell, Ariz.; A., F., I., and M., Ft. Huachuca, Ariz.; C., H., Ft. Bowie, Ariz.; B., Ft. McDowell, Ariz.; E., Ft. Myer, Va.; H., Ft. Verde, Ariz.

Col. C. E. Compton, and Hdtrs., N. C. Staff, and Band, will proceed from Fort Huachuca to Fort Lowell, A. T., and take station (S. O. 130, Nov. 21, D. Ariz.).

Troop H (Martin's) will proceed from Fort Huachuca to Fort Bowie, A. T., and take station (S. O. 130, Nov. 21, D. Ariz.).

S. O. 248, relating to 2d Lieut. John P. Ryan, is revoked, and he is, at his own request, transferred to the 3d Cav.—Troop M (S. O. Nov. 30, H. Q. A.).

Major E. B. Beaumont will report to the Comdg. Gen. Dept. of Texas for special duty (S. O. Dec. 4, H. Q. A.).

In a recent circular Col. Compton says: "The Headquarters of the regiment being under orders to proceed to Fort Lowell, A. T., and take station, all communications intended for Regimental Headquarters will be addressed to that post."

5th Cavalry, Colonel James E. Wade.

Hdtrs., B., C., G., and K., Ft. Reno, Ind. T.; E. and H., Ft. Supply, Ind. T.; D. and L., Ft. Sill, Ind. T.; A., F., and I., Ft. Supply, Ind. T.; M., Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.

The extension of leave on Surgeon's certificate granted 1st Lieut. Henry J. Goldman is further extended eight months on account of disability (S. O. Dec. 1, H. Q. A.).

An order issued by Col. Wade appoints Sergt. Frederic Sutcliff, Troop F, to be chief trumpeter. This is a deserved reward to a soldier for faithful service extending over a period of fifteen years.—K. C. Times.

6th Cavalry, Colonel Eugene A. Carr.

Hdtrs., A., C., H., I., and K., Ft. Winona, N. M.; E. and F., Ft. Lewis, Colo.; D. and L., Ft. Stanton, N. M.; M., Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.; B., Ft. Myer, Va.; G., Ft. Union, N. M.

Col. E. A. Carr hereby assumes command of the District of New Mexico (G. O. 4, Nov. 26, D. N. M.).

Leave for six months on Surgeon's certificate is granted Capt. Henry P. Kingsbury (S. O. Dec. 1, H. Q. A.).

Privates William Feldmann, Troop H, and Adrian G. Kuypers, Troop A, Fort Wingate, are transferred to the Hospital Corps as privates (S. O. Dec. 3, H. Q. A.).

7th Cavalry, Colonel James W. Forsyth.

Hdtrs., A., B., C., D., I., L., and M., Ft. Riley, Kas.; E., F., and K., Ft. Sill, Ind. T.

Capt. Henry J. Nowlan, recruiting officer, Cincinnati, is authorized to visit his branch rendezvous at Dayton, on or about Nov. 30 (S. O. 226, Nov. 26, Rec. Ser.).

8th Cavalry, Colonel Elmer Otis.

Hdtrs., A., B., C., D., I., and M., Ft. Meade, D. T.; H. and L., Ft. Keokuk, M. I.; E. and H., Ft. Buford, D. T.; F. and G., Ft. Yates, D. T.

Leave for one month, with permission to apply for an extension of one month, is granted 2d Lieut. DeR. C. Cabell, Fort Meade (S. O. 114, Nov. 28, D. Dak.).

The leave for one month granted 2d Lieut. DeRosey C. Cabell is extended one month (S. O. 129, Dec. 1, Div. M.).

9th Cavalry, Colonel Edward Hatch.

Hdtrs., B., F., B. and K., Ft. Robinson, Neb.; A and G., Ft. Niobrara, Neb.; C. and H., Ft. McKinney, Wyo.; E., Ft. Washakie, Wyo.; C. and M., Ft. DuChaine, Utah (Post-office address via Ouray, Utah); L., Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.

Major Guy V. Henry, I. R. P., will proceed to Oceanside, Neb., on public business (S. O. 112, Nov. 26, D. Platte).

The leave on Surgeon's certificate granted 1st Lieut. George R. Burnett is extended four months on account of sickness (S. O. Dec. 1, H. Q. A.).

10th Cavalry, Colonel Benjamin H. Grierson.

Hdtrs., A., B., C., D., E., Ft. Apache, A. T.; C., E., and K., Ft. Thomas, A. T.; F. and H., San Carlos, A. T.; D., L., and M., Ft. Bayard, N. M.; G., Ft. Grant, A. T.

Col. B. H. Grierson hereby relinquishes command of the District of New Mexico (G. O. 3, Nov. 24, D. N. M.).

1st Artillery, Colonel John C. Tidball.

Hdtrs., A., B., C., D., G., H., I., L., and K., Presidio of San Francisco, Cal.; E., Vancouver Bks., W. T.; F., Ft. Monroe, Va.; M., Ft. Mason, Cal.

*Light battery.

The journey on official duty made by 2d Lieut. Oscar J. Straub from San Carlos to the Presidio of San Francisco, is approved (S. O. 70, Nov. 21, Div. P.).

1st Lieut. Frank S. Rice, having been incapacitated for active service by an Army Retiring Board, will proceed to his home (S. O. Dec. 3, H. Q. A.).

2nd Artillery, Colonel John Mendenhall.

Hdtrs., B., and H., Ft. Barrancas, Fla.; G. and I., St. Francis Bks., Fla.; A., Little Rock Bks., Ark.; C. and D., Mount Vernon Bks., Ala.; E., Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.; F., Ft. Monroe, Va.; K. and M., Ft. Wadsworth, N. Y.; E., Jackson Bks., La.

*Light battery.

The leave for seven days granted 1st Lieut. Victor H. Bridgman, Camp Monte Sano, is extended twenty-three days (S. O. 253, Dec. 1, Div. A.).

Capt. Frank B. Hamilton will inspect subsistence stores at Mount Vernon Barracks, for which 2d Lieut. Arthur F. Curtis, A. C. S., is responsible (S. O. 253, Dec. 1, Div. A.).

The troops composing the garrison of St. Francis Barracks, St. Augustine, now at Huntsville, will return to their permanent station, and the camp will be abandoned (S. O. 253, Dec. 1, Div. A.).

Bat. E (Dunn's), now at Little Rock Barracks, will proceed to Jackson Barracks, La., and take post (S. O. 254, Dec. 3, Div. A.).

2d Lieut. Herman C. Schumm, at Fort Wadsworth, will proceed to Jackson Barracks, La., and upon the arrival at that post of Bat. E (Dunn's), report for duty (S. O. 254, Dec. 3, Div. A.).

Leave for fourteen days, to commence on or about Dec. 11, is granted 2d Lieut. Harry L. Hawthorne, Mount Vernon Barracks (S. O. 255, Dec. 4, Div. A.).

Major William Sinclair, Mt. Vernon Barracks, Ala., will inspect equipage at that post, in use by Indian prisoners, for which 2d Lieut. Arthur F. Curtis, A. A. Q. M., is responsible (S. O. 256, Dec. 5, Div. A.).

In connection with the death and funeral of Col. Romeoyn B. Ayres, the following is ordered: Dec. 6, the C. O. Fort Wadsworth will send to Fort Hamilton one commissioned officer and eight enlisted men, there to report to Col. Alexander Piper, 5th Art., to accompany the body to Washington. The C. O. Fort Wadsworth will also send to Fort Hamilton the two batteries of the 2d Art., under his command, to take part in the funeral ceremonies. Col. Alexander Piper, 5th Art., commanding Fort Hamilton, will communicate to Col. Horatio G. Gibson, 3d Art., commanding Washington Barracks, who is to take charge of the funeral ceremonies at Washington, all necessary information (S. O. 256, Dec. 5, Div. A.).

3rd Artillery, Colonel Horatio G. Gibson.

Hdtrs., A., C., E., H., K., and L., Washington Bks., D. C.; B., Forts Dix, Ky.; D., G., and I., Ft. McHenry, Md.; M., Ft. Monroe, Va.; F., San Antonio, Tex.

*Light battery.

2d Lieut. E. S. Benton, on completion of the duty assigned him in connection with the Centennial Exposition at Cincinnati, will join his proper station (S. O. Dec. 1, H. Q. A.).

Leave for one month, with permission to apply for an extension of one month, is granted Major Edmund C. Bainbridge, Newport Barracks (S. O. 253, Dec. 1, Div. A.).

The resignation of Capt. John F. Mount has been accepted by the President to take effect Nov. 30, 1888 (S. O. Dec. 4, H. Q. A.).

4th Artillery, Colonel Henry W. Closson.

Hdtrs., B., D., E., G., and L., Ft. Adams, R. I.; A. and C., Ft. Trumbull, Conn.; F., Ft. Snelling, Minn.; I. and K., Ft. Warren, Mass.; H., Ft. Monroe, Va.; M., Ft. Preble, Me.

*Light battery.

A furlough for two months is granted Sergt. John LaBarre, Light Bat. F, Fort Snelling (S. O. 111, Nov. 21, D. Dak.).

5th Artillery, Colonel Alex. Piper.

Hdtrs., E., F., I., and H., Ft. Hamilton, N. Y.; A., C., and L., Ft. Winona, N. Y.; G., Ft. Monroe, Va.; M., Ft. Wadsworth, N. Y.; O., Ft. Douglas, Utah; K. and M., Ft. Schuyler, N. Y.

*Light battery.

Leave for six months, with permission to go abroad, to take effect upon being relieved from duty on the staff of the Major-General commanding the Army, is granted 1st Lieut. J. Estcourt Sawyer (S. O. Dec. 6, H. Q. A.).

1st Infantry, Colonel William R. Shafter.

Hdtrs., A., D., I., and K., Angel Island, Cal.; F. and G., Benicia Bks., Cal.; O. and E., Alcatraz Island, Cal.; B., Ft. Gaston, Cal.; T., Ft. McDowell, Nev.

Major Edward Moale will report to the Comdg. Gen. Dept. of Arizona for special duty (S. O. Dec. 4, H. Q. A.).

2nd Infantry, Colonel Frank Wheaton.

Hdtrs., A., B., C., D., E., F., G., H., I., and K., Ft. Omaha, Neb.

2d Lieut. William M. Wright, Fort Omaha, is detailed to witness the issue of annuity goods to the Indians at the Flaudreau Indian Agency, Dak. (S. O. 112, Nov. 26, D. Platte.)

The leave for seven days granted 2d Lieut. William M. Wright, and extended twenty days, is further extended one month (S. O. 129, Dec. 1, Div. M.).

3rd Infantry, Colonel Edwin C. Mason.

Hdtrs., A., B., C., D., E., F., G., H., and K., Ft. Snelling, Minn.; G., Ft. Sisseton, D. T.; B., C., F., and I., Ft. Meade, D. T.

Leave for four months is granted Capt. William Krause (S. O. Nov. 30, H. Q. A.).

4th Infantry, Colonel William P. Carlin.

Hdtrs., C., D., B., and H., Ft. Sherman, Idaho; A., B., F., I., and K., Ft. Spokane, Wash. T.; G., Boise Barracks, Idaho.

Major J. Ford Kent will inspect one public horse and fifteen draft mules at Fort Spokane, for which 2d Lieut. E. H. Browne, A. A. Q. M., is accountable (S. O. 132, Nov. 20, D. Columbia.)

The leave granted 1st Lieut. John J. O'Brien is extended four months (S. O. Dec. 1, H. Q. A.).

5th Infantry, Colonel Nathan W. Osborne.

Hdtrs., B., C., D., E., Ft. Bliss, Tex.; I. and K., Ft. Davis, Tex.; C. and F., Ft. Kolton, Tex.; A and G., Ft. Ringgold, Tex.; D., Ft. Brown, Tex.; H., Ft. Hancock, Tex.

Upon the adjournment, *sine die*, of the G. C.-M. at Fort Davis, 1st Lieut. William H. C. Bowen will proceed to Fort Bliss to attend a session of the G. C.-M. there (S. O. 119, Nov. 26, D. Tex.).

2d Lieut. Edwin B. Weeks will proceed from Buffalo, N. Y., to 187 Hudson street, N. Y. City, to conduct the detachment of recruits now at the main cavalry rendezvous to Jefferson Barracks, Mo. (S. O. 229, Nov. 30, Rec. Ser.)

Leave for four months, with permission to apply for an extension of two months, is granted Lieut. Col. Melville A. Cochran (S. O. Dec. 4, H. Q. A.).

6th Infantry, Colonel Alex. McD. McCook.

Hdtrs., H., and I., Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.; A., B., C., D., E., and G., Ft. Lewis, Colo.; F and K., Ft. Sheridan, Ill.

1st Lieut. John Carland is relieved from duty as a member of the G. C.-M. convened by S. O. 129 (S. O. 143, Nov. 26, Dept. M.).

1st Lieut. A. M. Wetherill, R. Q. M., will perform the duties of Regimental Adjutant during the absence, on leave, of 1st Lieut. B. A. Byrne, Adj. (Orders 65, Nov. 28, 6th Inf.).

To enable him to avail himself of his leave, 1st Lieut. B. A. Byrne, Adj., is relieved from duty as Post Adjutant and Post Treasurer (Orders 218, Nov. 28, Fort Leavenworth.)

Leave for one month is granted 1st Lieut. B. A. Byrne, Adj. (S. O. 144, Nov. 28, Dept. M.)

2d Lieut. E. F. Taggart is detailed for a tour of torpedo instruction at Willet's Point, N. Y., and will report without delay (S. O. Dec. 1, H. Q. A.).

Pvt. Park Roberts, Co. A, has been appointed corporal.

7th Infantry, Colonel Henry C. Merriam.

Hdtrs., B., C., D., E., and F., Ft. Laramie, Wyo.; G., Ft. Camp Pilot Butte, Wyo.; H., Ft. Washakie, Wyo.; I., Ft. McKenna, Wyo.

Leave for one month is granted Capt. Henry B. Freeman, Camp Pilot Butte (S. O. 113, Nov. 28, D. Platte.)

Pvt. Nelson A. Burr, Co. E, Fort Laramie, is transferred to the Hospital Corps as a private, and will be sent to the Army and Navy General Hospital, Hot Springs, Ark., for duty (S. O. Nov. 28, H. Q. A.).

8th Infantry, Colonel August V. Kautz.

Hdtrs., A., B., E., F., G., and H., Ft. Niobrara, Neb.; C., D., and K., Ft. Robinson, Neb.

2d Lieut. E. N. Jones, Jr., is detailed for a tour of torpedo instruction at Willet's Point, N. Y., and will report without delay (S. O. Dec. 1, H. Q. A.).

Leave for two months, with permission to apply for an extension of two months, is granted Col. August V. Kautz, Fort Niobrara, Neb. (S. O. 130, Dec. 5, Div. M.).

9th Infantry, Colonel Alfred L. Hough.

Hdtrs., B., C., D., E., and I., Ft. Whipple Bks., A. T.; E., San Diego Bks., Cal.; A., Ft. Mojave, A. T.; D., Ft. McDowell, A. T.; G., Ft. Huachuca, A. T.; K., Ft. Wingate, N. M.

Co. G (Morton s) will proceed from Fort Bowie to Fort Huachuca, A. T., and take station (S. O. 130, Nov. 21, D. Ariz.)

10th Infantry, Colonel Henry Douglass.

Hdtrs., C., F., H., and I., Ft. Union, N. M.; A. and E., Ft. Lyon, Colo.; G., Ft. Crawford, Colo.; D., Ft. Marcy, N. M.; B., Ft. Stanton, N. M.

Capt. John Drum, recruiting officer, Buffalo, N. Y., was authorized to visit his branch rendezvous at Erie, Penn., on or about Nov. 30 (S. O. 228, Nov. 28, Rec. Ser.).

11th Infantry, Colonel Richard J. Dodge.

Hdtrs., A., B., G., H., and I., Ft. Yates, D. T.; A., B., C., and D., Ft. Sulky, D. T.; K., Ft. Bennett, D. T.; F., Ft. Lincoln, D. T.

Lieut.-Col. William F. Drum, A. I. G., will proceed to Fort Snelling, Minn., and make the annual inspection of that post (S. O. 114, Nov. 28, D. Dak.).

We are indebted for a copy of the "

offered for the company of the regiment making the best record. Co. C will hold the prize until the next annual competition is decided. Sergt. George B. Waite, Co. B, having qualified as sharpshooter in the fewest scores (25) is awarded a prize of \$10. Corp. Henry Hopkins, Co. H, having made the highest sharpshooter record (562 points) is awarded a prize of \$10. The Regimental Commander takes pride and pleasure in making these announcements. A record so creditable should be a source of congratulation to the whole regiment and due credit should be given to the soldiers who did the work and achieved the success.

15th Infantry, Colonel Robert E. A. Crofton.

Hdqs., E, F, G, and H, Ft. Buford, D. T.; A, C, D, and H, Ft. Randall, D. T.; B and I, Ft. Pembina, N. D.

The leave granted 2d Lieut. William N. Blow, Jr., is extended twenty-five days (S. O., Dec. 3, H. Q. A.)

16th Infantry, Colonel Matthew M. Blunt.

Hdqs., B, D, E, G, H, and I, Ft. Douglas, Utah; A, C, F, and K, Ft. De Chosne, Utah.

17th Infantry, Colonel Henry R. Mizner.

Hdqs., A, B, C, E, F, G, I, and K, Ft. D. A. Russell, Wyo.; D and H, Ft. Bridger, Wyo.

2d Lieut. J. T. Kerr is detailed for a tour of torpedo instruction at Willet's Point, N. Y., and will report without delay (S. O., Dec. 1, H. Q. A.).

The leave granted 2d Lieut. Edgar S. Walker is extended one month (S. O., Dec. 3, H. Q. A.)

18th Infantry, Colonel John E. Yard.

Hdqs., B, D, and H, Ft. Hayes, Kas.; F, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.; and I, Ft. Gibson, I. T.; G and K, Ft. Lyon, Colo.; A and E, Denver, Colo.

2d Lieut. C. B. Hardin is detailed for a tour of torpedo instruction at Willet's Point, N. Y., and will report without delay (S. O., Dec. 1, H. Q. A.)

21st Infantry, Colonel Henry A. Morrow.

Hdqs., A, C, E, G, and I, Ft. Sidney, Neb.; D, F, and H, Ft. Bridger, Wyo.; B, Ft. Douglas, Utah; K, Ft. McKinney, Wyo.

The extension of leave granted 1st Lieut. Francis J. Patten is still further extended one month (S. O., Dec. 1, H. Q. A.)

22nd Infantry, Colonel Peter T. Swaine.

Hdqs., A, B, C, D, F, H, and K, Ft. Keogh, M. T.; E and G, Ft. Totten, D. T.; I, Ft. A. Lincoln, D. T.

2d Lieut. T. W. Moore is detailed for a tour of torpedo instruction at Willet's Point, N. Y., and will report without delay (S. O., Dec. 1, H. Q. A.)

23rd Infantry, Colonel Henry M. Black.

Hdqs., E, G, H, and I, Ft. Wayne, Mich.; A and B, Ft. Brady, Mich.; C and D, Ft. Portier, N. Y.; E and K, Ft. Mackinac, Mich.

1st Lieut. Stephen O'Connor, recruiting officer, Evansville, is authorized to visit his branch rendezvous at Louisville, on or about Nov. 30 (S. O. 226, Nov. 26, Rec. Ser.).

The presence of 1st Lieut. Stephen O'Connor, recruiting officer at Evansville, Ind., being required at his branch rendezvous at Louisville, Ky., at an early date, for the purpose of instructing his recruiting party, at that point, in their necessary duties, he is directed to proceed to Louisville, Ky., as soon after Dec. 3 as practicable (S. O. 231, Dec. 3, Rec. Ser.).

24th Infantry, Colonel Zenias R. Bliss.

Hdqs., A, D, and F, Ft. Bayard, N. M.; B, G, H, I, and K, Ft. Grant, Ariz.; C and E, San Carlos, Ariz.

The leave for one month granted Capt. Alfred C. Markley is extended one month (S. O. 70, Nov. 21, Div. P.)

Until suitable arrangements can be made for accommodation of the property and families pertaining to the two companies of the 24th Inf. now at San Carlos, Fort Thomas will be regarded as their proper station (S. O. 131, Nov. 24, D. Ariz.)

25th Infantry, Colonel George L. Andrews.

Hdqs., G, H, I, and K, Ft. Missoula, M. T.; B, C, E, and F, Ft. Shaw, M. T.; A and D, Ft. Custer, M. T.

(For Late Army Orders see page 292)

Appointments, etc., of Commissioned Officers and Retired Enlisted Men, U. S. A., recorded in the A.-G. O. during the week ending Dec. 1, 1888.

TRANSFER.

2d Lieutenant John P. Ryan, from the 4th Cavalry to the 3d Cavalry, November 30, 1888, with rank from October 2, 1888, vice Dugan, promoted.

Courts-martial.

The following courts have been ordered:

At Fort Davis, Tex., Dec. 3. Detail: Major John V. Lauderdale, Surg.; Capt. Philip H. Remington, 10th Inf.; Capt. Frank D. Baldwin, 1st Lieuts. William H. C. Bowen and Joseph M. T. Partello, and 2d Lieut. Charles G. Lyman, 5th Inf.; 2d Lieut. Arthur B. Foster, 10th Inf., and 1st Lieut. Parker W. West, 3d Cav., J.-A. (S. O. 118, Nov. 23, D. Tex.)

At Fort Brown, Tex., Dec. 3. Detail: Major Caleb H. Carlton and Capt. George A. Drew, 3d Cav.; Capt. Samuel Q. Robinson, Asst. Surg.; Capt. Charles E. Hargous, 5th Inf.; 2d Lieuts. Charles N. Clinch and Arthur Thayer, 3d Cav., and 1st Lieut. John G. Tillison, 5th Inf., J.-A. (S. O. 119, Nov. 26, D. Tex.)

At Fort Sill, I. T., Dec. 3. Detail: Major T. A. Baldwin, Capt. C. S. Isley, E. G. Mathey, and G. C. DeRudio, 7th Cav.; Capt. E. D. Thomas and 1st Lieut. H. D. H. Waite, 5th Cav.; 2d Lieuts. W. H. Baldwin and Sedgwick Rice, 7th Cav.; 2d Lieut. P. C. Harris, 13th Inf., and 1st Lieut. C. S. Hall, 13th Inf., J.-A. (S. O. 144, Nov. 23, Dept. M.)

Army Boards.

A Board of Survey, to consist of Major De Witt C. Poole, P. M.; Major Samuel T. Cushing, C. S., and 2d Lieut. David J. Rumbough, 3d Art., A. D. C., will convene, Nov. 27, at the San Antonio Depot, to fix the responsibility for the loss of two railroads for which Capt. E. B. Atwood, A. Q. M., is accountable (S. O. 119, Nov. 26, D. Tex.)

A Board of Survey, to consist of Lieut.-Col. James M. Morris, D. Q. M. G.; Capt. James N. Morgan, 24th Inf., and 1st Lieut. John F. Guilloye, 9th Cav., will assemble at St. Louis, Dec. 7, to fix the responsibility for the deficiency of one wallent fly, in a consignment received from Capt. Charles G. Penney, 6th Inf., on invoice dated Fort Sheridan, and for which Capt. Forrest H. Hathaway, A. Q. M., is accountable (S. O. 144, Nov. 23, Dept. M.)

A Board of Officers, to consist of Lieut.-Col. William R. King, Major L. Cooper Overman, and Capt. George McDerby, C. E., will assemble at Buffalo to consider questions connected with the improvement of Buffalo and Erie harbors (S. O. 99, Dec. 1, C. E.)

The Secretary of War has appointed a Board, to consist of Col. J. G. Farke, Corps of Engrs.; Hon. Wm. F. Russell,

and Hon. John D. Kernan, to meet at West Point, N. Y., Dec. 4, 1888, for the purpose of considering all offers received, and the question of the value of the land, and, after conferring with the heirs of the Kingsley estate, if necessary, reporting the conditions upon which said land can be purchased to the Secretary of War, through the A.-G. O. of the Army.

DEPARTMENT NEWS.

Dept. of the Platte—Brig. Gen. John R. Brooke.

The Omaha *Excelsior* says: "We are getting so near the universal holiday that the officers and ladies throughout the Dept. of the Platte ought to be stirring themselves to give some entertainment for the soldiers of the several posts, on Christmas eve or Christmas night. Remember that 'all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy.'"

(Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal.)

WEST POINT, N. Y.

DECEMBER 5, 1888.

A very interesting paper was read by Lieut. Wissler in the library last Friday evening. It was the second of a series of three papers on the subject of "The Offense and Defense of War," and it was heard with marked attention by the large number of officers present.

The cadet hop on Saturday evening was evidently thoroughly enjoyed. The large hop on Wednesday evening of the same week had caused no appreciable weariness to the dancers.

Among recent visitors to the post have been Lieut. and Mrs. McClelland, who left to-day after a visit of about a week; Lieut. Kirby, who spent a few days here last week previous to returning to his station, Fort Union, New Mexico; Miss Marie Cozzens, a niece of Col. Piper, who has been visiting Mrs. Hoskins; Miss Landis, of Philadelphia, a sister of Lieut. Landis, who is at Mrs. Postlethwaite's, and Miss Alice, of Portland, Me., who has been visiting Mrs. Goethals.

Dr. Alden left for St. Paul last week. Mrs. and Miss Alden will make several visits before proceeding to St. Paul.

Capt. and Mrs. Price have been busy making preparations to leave for Montgomery, Ala. Mrs. Price's departure from the post has been hastened by the sudden and dangerous illness of her father.

Dr. Alden will be succeeded by Dr. Tilton, Capt. Allen, recently promoted by Lieut. Taft, 1st Cavalry.

Several changes have taken place in the battalion of cadets on account of the reduction to the ranks of the first captain in (now captain of Co. C). Cadet Capt. Langhorne, of Co. D, is now captain. Cadet Lieut. Hagardon, having succeeded him as captain of Co. D.

The third officers' hop of the season took place Tuesday evening. The hop was conducted by Lieut. Hoskins. There were about sixty present. The programme was quite long, nearly thirty dances having been finished when the hop broke up at about 1 o'clock. Among those present were Prof. and Mrs. Bass, Prof. and Mrs. McBride, Prof. and Mrs. Mercur, Mrs. Postlethwaite, Mrs. Larned, mother of Prof. Larned, Gen. and Mrs. Parke, Col. and Mrs. Hawkins, Capt. Mitchell, Lieut. and Mrs. McClelland, Lieut. and Mrs. Pratt, Lieut. and Mrs. Hoskins, Lieut. and Mrs. Weaver, Lieut. and Mrs. Lundeen, Lieut. and Mrs. Dodge, Lieut. and Mrs. Petit, Lieut. and Mrs. Goethals, Lieut. and Mrs. Ellis, Lieut. and Mrs. Johnston, Lieut. and Mrs. Hodges, Lieut. and Mrs. Cameron, Lieut. and Mrs. Alvord, Lieut. Allen, Lieut. Braden, Lieut. and Mrs. Langhorne, Miss Cooper, Miss Hurd, Miss Landis, Miss Hawkins, Miss Crane, Miss Reynolds, Miss Marie Cozzens, Miss Andrews, Mrs. Ayers, Lieuts. Macomb, Noyes, Taylor, Landis, Hodges, Biddle, Freeman, Kirby, Benson, and Bellinger.

Lieut. Hardin left on Monday for a three months' leave. Dr. Kneedler will go on leave the latter part of the present week.

Candidates for admission to the U. S. Military Academy in June next have been designated as follows:

Daniel Herbert Johnson, Belfre, Ohio.
Morgan John (Alt.), Minersville, Ohio.
Horace H. Okeson (Alt.), Pleasant View, Pa.
George H. Jamerson, Martinsville, Va.
Charles W. Kutz, Reading, Pa.
Edward H. Cox (Alt.), Reading, Pa.
Solomon Clifton Pool, Smithfield, N. C.
Charles Coleman, Sulphur, Ky.
Louis Jensen Halder, Jr., Ogden, Utah.
William Brown, Jr., Jacksonville, Ill.

FORT LEWIS, COLORADO.

NOVEMBER 26, 1888.

We have had magnificent weather, until now, at this elevated post, 8,500 feet. Have you record of altitude of other posts in the U. S. and elsewhere? I think this is one of the highest.

Captain Crowell and Lieut. Stevens are on sick report, but not of serious character.

The small stick over the administration building, has been replaced by the erection of a fine 100 foot flag staff on the parade ground.

The prohibition against selling beer at canteens is an excellent one, especially so, if carried a step further and also extended to the post traders. At the Canteen while a disadvantage and a nuisance, its sale was carefully guarded and there was no incentive to sell when it should not be sold. Not so elsewhere. It may be urged that men want "something to drink," but experience has demonstrated that the sale of beer will not keep the drinking man beyond guard limits to get all he wants and what he wants; further the permit to sell "light wine" is frequently regarded as giving license to sell "wines" far from light. Better for the Army to abolish all fermented and alcoholic beverages from the post traders.

FORT RILEY, KANSAS.

The Junction City *Republican* of Nov. 26 says: "The cavalry horses are in excellent condition. Dr. Going, our veterinary surgeon, says the animals never enjoyed better health than at present.... We have got a fire department at this post that we may well be proud of. Captain Moyley, as chief of the department, is the right man for the position, and the assistant chief, Lieutenant Nicholson, is too well known for his acts of gallantry in the past to fear that he will be derelict in his duty in the future."

FORT ADAMS, R. I.

ABOUT 3 A. M. Dec. 1 Lieut. O. M. Lissak, 4th U. S. Art., discovered that his quarters were filled with smoke and found the floor in front of a fireplace ablaze. The fire call was sounded, and three guns were fired, and in a few minutes the entire garrison was out. The fire was but a slight one, and was extinguished before the engine reached the scene.

FORT LEAVENWORTH, KAS.

The Kansas City *Times* says: "The game of base ball recently played between company nine of F. 18th Infantry, and I. 6th Infantry, resulted in favor of the former by the score of 15 to 14.... The post chapel was crowded Sunday evening. Chaplain Barry preached especially to the men, urging them strongly to join the church."

General Merritt, in accordance with the recommendation of a Board of Officers, has directed that the avenue leading from the Depot Commissary's storehouse to and east of the quarters of the Commanding General of the Department, shall be designated Scott avenue, and that all that part of the reservation occupied by the quarters of the Commanding General and the Department Staff shall be designated Department place.

Mrs. James Elverson, Mrs. Duval, Miss Elverson and Mr. James Elverson, jr., from Philadelphia are visiting Lieut. and Mrs. Duval, Eighteenth Infantry. They expect to return to-morrow.

On Thanksgiving quiet a number of dinner parties; of those known were Mrs. Merritt, Mrs. Whipple, Mrs. McCook and Mrs. Wetherill.

Mrs. M. F. Eggleston gave a supper after the hop Friday night.

It is reported that Lieut. Burnett, ninth cavalry, is soon to go before a retiring board.

Mrs. Dr. Wright entertained a number of her lady friends last evening.

On Wednesday night General Merritt gave a whist party which proved very agreeable to those who had the pleasure to be present.

The wives of the members of the cavalry association were entertained by Mrs. Sumner last Wednesday.

Capt. Thomas J. Lloyd, 18th Inf., has been called East by the illness of his wife.

A requiem memorial service was chanted in the Catholic chapel of the fort Dec. 3 for the late Mrs. General Sherman. Mrs. Sherman is affectionately remembered by the old residents of Fort Leavenworth.

On Thanksgiving eve John Watson, hospital steward, U. S. A., was married to Miss Mary E. McClure, in the parlors of the Rev. Kinsella, Quartermaster Sgt. Kirniry acting as groomsman and Miss Kirniry as bridesmaid.....Lieut. Hein, 1st Cav., and family will leave for Chicago Dec. 1....Capt. Pope, commandant of the military prison, has a large force setting out maple trees.....A discharged prisoner, who, during his term, was employed about the residence of Capt. Pope, familiarized himself with the captain's household goods to such an extent that he found no difficulty quite early Nov. 28 in returning to the post and taking from the captain's wardrobe a suit of citizen's clothing....A petition is being circulated among the enlisted men of the Army, asking Congress to reduce the present retirement law from 30 to 25 years. It is not to be presented until the 51st Congress meets.

FORT OMAHA, NEB.

The *Excelsior* of Dec. 1 says: "Lt. Crissman goes Friday to Rawlins, Wyo.....Quite a number attended the Ladies' Musical at Myers' Hall Wednesday....Gen. and Mrs. Wheaton entertained at dinner a number of their friends from headquarters Thanksgiving Day.....Lt. and Mrs. H. B. Sarson gave a dinner Thanksgiving to several of their friends in the garrison...Mrs. Capt. Mills and daughter, Annie, left Tuesday for her former home in Elmira, N. Y., called thither by the severe illness of her sister....One day this week as Lt. Kinzie and Mrs. Gen. Wheaton were out driving, their horse became frightened, shied and upturned the carriage, throwing the occupants violently to the ground. Mrs. Gen. Wheaton sustained no injuries, while Lt. Kinzie got off with a sprained knee."

(Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal.)

FORT BAYARD, N. M.

FORT BAYARD, N. M., Nov. 22.

This post has experienced a very radical change of garrison since last it figured in your correspondence columns. The 6th Cavalry and 13th Infantry have been replaced by the 24th Infantry and 10th Cavalry, headquarters and three companies of the former and three troops of the latter, the only Caucasians (of lesser ilk) left at the post being the General N. C. Staff and Hospital Corps. Judging from the exuberant sick report of the last four or five months, high altitudes do not seem to further the physical health of our colored brethren. They are full of bodily "miseries" as they are light-hearted and cheerful of temperament.

Among late arrivals at the post are Col. Van Vliet, Major, 10th Cav., and Capt. Comegys, Med. Dept., our future post surgeon. Both of these officers are daily looking for the arrival of their families. Capt. Arthur, of the Medical Department, and family, are also due, so that the Medical Corps of the Army at this post will be represented by two captains.

Chaplain Almonsworth, of the 24th Infantry, also stationed here—the pioneer colored chaplain of the Army, by the way—has been out in the mountains, hunting, for a week, and report has it that his success as a Nubrood is nearly equal to his success as an Evangelist, which is saying not a little.

In point of modern comforts and conveniences this post now ranks with some of the best in the country, having an excellent system of water works, drainage and sewerage, and since the first of this month the new ice machine has been in successful working order. For most of these semi-luxuries we are indebted to our former post quartermaster, Lieut. Carter, of the 6th Cavalry, as well as to Dr. Dietz, late post surgeon. On dit that Lieut. Palmer, of the 24th Infantry, the present efficient Q. M., has under consideration the supplying of the post with electric light.

But while Fort Bayard is thus demonstrating the truth of the phrase "Westward the star of empire takes its course," the star of our old neighbor, Silver City, seems to have set for aye and forever. And pity 'tis 'so. As a typical American frontier mining metropolis it stood without a rival. Its day of resurrection will be when the process of the cheap reduction of low grade ore, a process that seems on the ragged edge of imminent discovery, has been wrested from unwilling fate. Not till then.

Among military events may be mentioned the re-

ture of Fort Bayard, a little over a month ago, by a raiding party from Fort Stanton, Lieut. Paddock, of the 6th Cavalry, leading the forlorn hope. The capture was effected more by stratagem than by mere brute force, the 6th Cavalry having still a lively recollection of the immediate topography of Fort Bayard. The cloud of shame that enveloped us since then was, however, gloriously dispelled by Captain Norvell, of the 10th Cavalry, and his gallant troopers who, by dint of long and stealthy marches, overtook and surprised the raiding party on their return to Fort Stanton and sounded reveille into their astonished ears. Revenge is sweet, they say.

FOOT SIDNEY, NEB.

The *Excelsior* of Dec. 1 says: "Mrs. Lt. Bonesteel and children have gone on a visit to her parents at Fort Leavenworth.... Col. Hall, Inspector general, is expected Wednesday.... Capt. J. W. Duncan, 21st Inf., is expected here about Dec. 28.... Mrs. Capt. Haughey and her daughter, Miss Isabelle, both of whom are favorably known here, were at the post Wednesday, en route to Capt. Haughey's station, Fort Bridger, Wyo.... Capt. and Mrs. Ebstein entertained a number of their friends at a progressive encampment Thursday. There were present Gen. and Mrs. Morrow, Col. and Mrs. Poland, Lt. and Mrs. Bonesteel, Lt. and Mrs. Farmerter, Mr. and Mrs. Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. Borie, Miss Allen, Miss Smith, Mrs. McFarland, Mrs. Stanley, Dr. Black, Lt. Wittich and McFarland, Mr. Essick, Col. Poland and Mrs. Bonesteel were the winners of the first prizes, and Lt. McFarland and Miss Allen were equally successful in obtaining the 'boobies.'

(Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal.)

DAVID'S ISLAND, N. Y. H.

On Friday evening, Nov. 16, the Depot Detachment 80th Club gave their first annual ball.

The commanding officer, Col. Mears, with his usual kindness, had placed the new mess hall at the disposal of the club. Excellent music was furnished by the depot orchestra. About 250 invited guests were present, among whom were Col. and Mrs. Mears, Maj. and Mrs. Middleton Capt. and Mrs. Cook, Capt. Foote, Lieuts. Mains, Woodbury, Steedman and Butler, Lieut. and Mrs. Tyson. The Engineer Battalion, Willet's Point, was well represented, as was also the 11th Regt., N. G., S. N. Y. An excellent supper was provided, of which full justice was done by all present. Not the least interesting feature was the large display of Chinese lanterns extending from the new dock to the mess hall. Every arrangement which care and forethought could suggest for the comfort of visitors had been made. Altogether the club are to be congratulated on the success of their initial venture, and it is to be hoped that such an auspicious opening will be succeeded by other entertainments during the winter.

(Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal.)

FORT YATES, DAKOTA.

CHAPLAIN DUNBAR, after a tour of eight years at Fort Yates (Standing Rock Agency), has been relieved from duty there and goes to the Presidio of San Francisco. The chaplain and his estimable lady, who is a sister of Gen. Ruger, were received and entertained by our post commander and his hospitable wife (Maj. and Mrs. Powell) on their arrival at Lincoln to take the cars.

Mrs. Townsend, the wife of Col. E. F. Townsend, 12th Inf., is at present visiting in the post, with Capt. and Mrs. Pittman. She will await the arrival of Col. Townsend from Yates, and then they will go East for four months.

Lieut. Abbott, 12th Inf., and wife passed through on Nov. 29 for Yates.

Thanksgiving was duly celebrated and turkey was the rage.

A new flagstaff and the sounds of the morning and evening gun import new life to the post.

The Omaha *Excelsior* of Nov. 24 says:

Mrs. J. M. Woolworth, Miss Susie Woolworth, Miss Maud Woolworth and Miss Melinda Woolworth returned last Saturday from a two weeks' visit with Mrs. Lieut. Howard at Fort Yates. During their visit at the fort, the young ladies were royally entertained, every moment being taken up either with horseback riding, luncheons, dinners, parties or games given in their honor. Upon their arrival at the fort a bazaar party was given by Colonel Townsend, of the 12th Inf. Then the visitors were given a concert by the 12th Infantry band. Tuesday evening, Nov. 6, Lieutenant and Mrs. Wood gave a hop for the Misses Woolworth. Wednesday Lieutenant Baker entertained Miss Susie Woolworth and Miss Maud Woolworth at dinner, there being present Mrs. Guy Howard, daughter of Mrs. J. M. Woolworth, Misses Susie and Maud Woolworth, Lieut. Gorham, Dr. Shipp and Lieut. Barber. Nov. 8, Lieut. and Mrs. Von Schrader gave a progressive singeing party in honor of the young ladies. The event of the visit, however, was given by Mrs. Guy Howard Nov. 9, a German led by Dr. Shipp and Miss Susie Woolworth, which was attended by the officers of the garrison and the ladies of the post. The following Monday evening the officers of the 8th Cavalry gave a hop in the post theatre, which was greatly enjoyed by the guests of the evening. Saturday of last week the party returned to Omaha, delighted with the life at a frontier fort.

NAVY MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATION.

A SPECIAL meeting of the board of directors of the Navy Mutual Aid Association was called on Saturday, Dec. 1, to consider the death of Rear Admiral Edward Simpson, a member of the society. The secretary and treasurer was directed to pay to the beneficiary of the deceased the sum found due (\$3,700.75), and also to return all advance assessments after the usual lapse of time required to hear from distant stations. Rear Admiral Simpson was one of the earlier members of the society, holding certificate No. 144. He had therefore been over nine years on the roll, in class H, which is assessed \$10.90 at every death. Yet the amount of benefit paid in his case exceeded the entire amount of his payments by the sum of \$3,140.05. That the members of the society and naval officers generally may form some idea of the promptitude with which the association discharges its obligations to its deceased brethren it is only necessary to say that the Admiral died at 3:30 A. M. of Saturday and by 3 P. M. that same day a check for \$3,700.75 was on its way to his beneficiary. At this special meeting of the board Ensigns H. McL. P. Huse and John H. Shipley were admitted to membership in the society. The office of the secretary and treasurer, Paymaster L. A. Frailey, U. S. Navy, is now located in room No. 73, Navy Department, where any one of the 400 eligible naval officers not yet admitted to membership in the association can communicate with him. The society has two-thirds of the Service on its rolls and ought to have the other third without delay. Dr. Simon, who died of yellow fever on the Boston, was, unfortunately, not a member.

THE NAVY.

NAVAL VESSELS IN COMMISSION.

WHEN AND WHERE LAST HEARD FROM.

N. Atlantic Station—Rear Adm'l S. B. Luce.

GALENA, 3d rate, 8 guns, Comdr. George W. Sumner. At New York, being overhauled preparatory to her cruise in the West Indies this winter. OSSIPPEE, 3d rate, 8 guns, Comdr. A. G. Kellogg. At Norfolk Navy-yard, Va. Will be repaired there. PENSACOLA, 2d rate, 16 guns, (f. a. n. a. s.) Capt. Arthur R. Yates. At Norfolk undergoing repairs. Repairs will be finished probably in May, 1889.

YANTIC, 3d rate, 4 guns, Comdr. O. F. Heyerman. At New York, where she will receive extensive repairs. Was taken out of the dry dock Dec. 1.

S. Atlantic Station—Act. Rear Adm'l J. H. Gillis.

Mails should be addressed to the care of the U. S. Consul, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, or care of B. F. Stevens, 4 Trafalgar Square, London, unless otherwise noted. Steamer leaves Newport News, Va., Dec. 22, for Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

ALLIANCE, 3d rate, 6 guns, Commander G. W. Pigman. At Pernambuco, Brazil, Dec. 4.

SWATARA, 3d rate, 8 guns, Comdr. J. McGowan, Jr. Arrived at Maldanado, Uruguay, Nov. 21.

TALLAPOOSA, 3d rate, 8 guns, (f. a. s. a. s.), Comdr. F. W. Dickins. Reported at Montevideo, Uruguay, Oct. 1.

European Station—A. R.—Adm'l Jas. A. Greer.

Mails should be addressed to care B. F. Stevens, 4 Trafalgar Square, London, England, unless otherwise noted.

ENTERPRISE, 3d rate, 6 guns, Comdr. B. H. McCalla. Will join flagship at Villefranche in February next. Arrived at Plymouth, England, Nov. 4, and sailed for Gibraltar Nov. 20.

LANCASTER, 2d rate, 10 guns, f. s. e. s., Capt. T. F. Kane. At Villefranche, France, Nov. 1.

QUINNEBAUG, 3d rate, 8 guns, Comdr. Chas. H. Davis. Was at Constantinople, Italy, Nov. 8. After leaving Leghorn, Italy, stopped at Messina, Crete, Piraeus, Smyrna and Syracuse, and expected to leave Constantinople on Nov. 19 for Alexandria. All on board were reported in good health. Will cruise in the East, where she will winter.

Pacific Station—Rear Adm'l L. A. Kimberly.

Address all mail (unless otherwise noted) for the present to Navy Pay Office, San Francisco, Cal.

ADAMS, 3d rate, 6 guns, Comdr. Richard P. Leahy. At Apia, Samoa, at last accounts, and cruising thereabout. Mail matter for the vessel should be sent in care U. S. Navy Pay Office, San Francisco, Cal. Ordered to San Francisco, Cal.

ALERT, 3d rate, 4 guns, Comdr. J. D. Graham. At Honolulu, S. I., Sept. 30.

DOLPHIN, 3d rate, 1 gun, Comdr. George F. F. Wilde. Temporary flagship of Adm'l Kimberly.

The *Dolphin*, flagship of the Pacific Station, has been ordered home. The ship is now at Panama, awaiting the arrival of the *Trenton*, when the flag of Admiral Kimberly will be transferred to the latter vessel. After getting her new officers and stores, the *Dolphin* will proceed to China and Japan. She will remain on this station for some time, and then the ship will proceed home via Europe, and in all probability will reach New York about the latter part of next December. The *Dolphin* went into commission Dec. 2, 1886.

The *Dolphin* arrived at Panama Dec. 1, from Puenta Arenas. By the steamer which left New York on the same day for the Isthmus a number of officers went out on a relief to those on board whose term of duty is nearly completed.

MOHICAN, 3d rate, 8 guns, Commander J. B. Coghill, at Mare Island, Cal. Preparing for sea. Will be ready about Jan. 1, 1889.

MONONGAHELA, sails, 2 guns, Store Ship Commander G. E. Wingate. At Mare Island undergoing repairs. Will be sent to Pacific Station as storeship, with headquarters at Payta, Peru.

NIPIK, 3d rate, 6 guns, Comdr. D. W. Mullan. Mail should be addressed in care U. S. Consul, Panama, U. S. C. Reported at Tutuile Island, Samoa Group, Nov. 7, on her way to Apia.

PINTA, 4th rate, 4 howitzers, Lieut. Comdr. John S. Newell. At Sitka, Alaska, Oct. 19. Lieut. Commander George M. Book has been ordered to command.

TRENTON, 3d rate, 10 guns, Capt. N. H. Farquhar. Left Payta, Peru, for Panama, Dec. 2. Address mail to care U. S. Consul, Panama, U. S. C.

The *Trenton* has left Payta, Peru, for Panama, and upon falling in with the *Dolphin* the flag of Admiral Kimberly will be transferred to the former vessel. Several minor changes will be made in the personnel of both vessels, and, after coaling, both ships will start South. As this season of the year is not particularly healthy on the Peruvian Coast, it is not unlikely that the admiral will proceed directly to Coquimbo, Chile, and from thence to Valparaiso, Talcahuano, and other ports in Chile.

VANDALIA, 2d rate, 8 guns, Captain C. M. Schoonmaker. At Mare Island, Cal., for repairs. Which will be finished in about two weeks.

Orders have been sent to the Commandant of the Navy-yard, Mare Island, Cal., to go-ahead with the work on the *Vandalia*. She will be assigned to the Pacific Squadron. As the repairs had been well advanced before the orders came suspending all work in the yard, it is not thought that it will take over two weeks to finish her.

Asiatic Station—Rear Adm'l Ralph Chandler.

Mails should be addressed, Yokohama, Japan, unless otherwise noted. Steamer leaves San Francisco, Dec. 8 and 20.

BROOKLYN, 2d rate, 14 guns, Captain Byron Wilson. En route for New York under sail. Will make the passage via Honolulu and Cape Horn. Sailed Nov. 10.

ESSEX, 3d rate, 6 guns, Comdr. T. F. Jewell. At Tuncha, China, Oct. 28, and from there to proceed to Hong Kong. Has been ordered to the United States, and expected to arrive in June, 1889.

JUNIATA, 3d rate, 8 guns, Comdr. W. C. Wise. To proceed to New York, via Suez Canal. Re-

ported by cable to have arrived at Suez, Nov. 27, and at Alexandria, Egypt, Nov. 28.

MARION, 3d rate, 8 guns, f. a. a. Comdr. N. M. Dyer. At Shanghai, China, where she will winter.

MONOCACY, 3d rate, 6 guns. At Yokohama, Japan, awaiting orders of Navy Department. She will be condemned and sold on station. Lieutenant Commander Gilpatrick, U. S. N., is at present in charge of the vessel.

OMAHA, 2d rate, 12 guns, Captain F. V. McNair. At Shanghai, China, Oct. 28.

PALOS, 4th rate, 7 howitzers. Lieut. Comdr. J. E. Craig. At Tientsin, China, where she will winter.

RICHMOND, 2d rate, 14 guns, Capt. Allen V. Reed. At Navy-yard, New York, fitting out as the flagship of the Asiatic Station.

Apprentice Training Squadron.

CONSTELLATION, sails, 10 guns. Commander C. J. Train. Arrived at Barbadoes Dec. 2, on a cruise to the West Indies.

MINNESOTA, 19 howitzers, Capt. G. C. Wiltse. Receiving ship for boys. Foot of W. 27th Street, North River. Entrance from W. 26th Street. P. O. address, Station E, New York.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, 8 howitzers, Receiving Ship for boys. Comdr. F. J. Higginson. Coaster's Island, Harbor, Newport, R. I.

On Special Service.

AND AWAITING ASSIGNMENT.

ATLANTA, 3d rate, 8 guns, Captain John A. Howell. At New York Navy-yard to be fitted out for a foreign cruise. Will shortly sail on a roving commission—of voyage around the world.

BOSTON, 2d rate, 8 guns, Captain F. M. Ramsay. At New York Navy-yard.

DESPATCH, 4th rate, Lieut. W. S. Cowles. To proceed along the coast to destroy wrecks from Cape Henry to Barnegat, and proceed to Philadelphia, Pa.

FORTUNE, tug, Lieutenant O. E. Lasher. En route from Norfolk Navy-yard, with freight for the various yards. At Navy-yard, New York, Dec. 2.

KEARSARGE, 3d rate, 7 guns, Commander A. D. Brown. Left Hampton Roads, Va., Nov. 30, with relief officers and crew for *Tallapoosa*, on South Atlantic Station, and then return and join N. A. Station.

MICHIGAN, 4th rate, 4 guns, Commander H. F. Pickering. At Erie, Penn.

RANGER, 3d rate, 1 gun, Comdr. F. A. Cook. At Mare Island, Cal. To sail for the Southern coast on survey duty.

ST. MARY'S, sails, 8 guns, Comdr. A. S. Crowninshield. N. Y. Public Marine School, N. Y. City, foot of East 26th Street, in winter quarters.

THETIS, 3d rate, 2 machine guns, Lieut. Comdr. W. H. Emory. Left Esquimalt, B. C., Nov. 21. All mail for the *Thetis* should be addressed U. S. S. *Thetis* Navy Pay Office, San Francisco, Cal.

Receiving Ships, Iron-Clads, Etc.

DALE, Commander Yates Stirling. Receiving Ship. Navy-yard, Washington, D. C.

FRANKLIN, 12 guns, Capt. A. P. Cooke. Receiving ship. Navy-yard, Norfolk, Va.

INDEPENDENCE, 7 howitzers. Comdr. J. W. Philip. Receiving ship. Navy-yard, Mare Island, Cal.

PHOLOX, Naval Academy Tug. Mate B. G. Perry in command. Annapolis, Md.

RESCUE, Mate Samuel F. Lomax. Used as a fire-tug. Navy-yard, Washington, D. C.

SR. LOUIS, sails, Capt. Wm. Whitehead. Receiving ship. Navy-yard, League Island, Pa.

SPEEDWELL, Yard Tug. Mate H. Kuhl, commanding. Navy yard, Norfolk, Va.

VERMONT, 1 gun. Capt. Wm. A. Kirkland. Receiving ship. Navy-yard, New York.

WABASH, 20 guns, Captain C. C. Carpenter. Receiving ship. Navy-yard, Boston, Mass.

The iron-clads *Ajax*, *Catfish*, *Canonicus*, *Lehigh*, *Mahopac*, *Manhattan* and *Wyandotte*, in command of Comdr. Felix McCurley, are laid up near Richmond, Va. P. O. address, Richmond, Va.

Naval Vessels Fitting Out to go into Commission.

CHICAGO—At New York Navy-yard, being fitted for sea. A despatch from Washington, D. C., says she is expected to be ready for commission about Dec. 1, and it is thought Capt. H. B. Robeson will command her.

HARTFORD—At Navy-yard, Mare Island, Cal.

SARATOGA—At Portsmouth, N. H., to undergo repairs. Will be transferred to State of Pennsylvania when repairs are finished.

PROVIDENCE—At Navy-yard, Mare Island, Cal., being repaired. Will be ready for sea about Jan. 1, 1889. By order of Bureau of Construction and Repair all work is stopped on this vessel.

PORTSMOUTH—At Portsmouth, N. H., Navy-yard, undergoing repairs.

VARIOUS NAVAL ITEMS.

THE Board appointed by Secretary Whitney to design plans for the seven new ships authorized by the last Congress are hard at work. The Board holds daily sessions, and the various plans and designs submitted are carefully examined. It is not thought, however, that a decision will be arrived at concerning the new type of vessel for some time to come.

THE Bureau of Equipment and Recruiting, Navy Department, has issued an order concentrating all general service men at the Navy Yard, New York. This is done in order that they may be available for the ships at that station requiring new crews. With those at New York added to what can be obtained from Boston and Philadelphia, it is thought that the complement of the *Atlanta* and *Richmond* may be obtained. As both of these ships are going on protracted cruises, the policy of the Bureau is to fill them up, as far as possible, with long time men, thus doing away with discharging the men on for-

sign stations or sending the men home by mail steamer at great expense to the Government.

The trial of the dynamite cruiser *Vesuvius* will shortly take place, although it may be delayed somewhat in putting the Zalinski gun aboard. As we have already stated, the contractors' trial has developed a speed greater than that called for by the contract, and upon the official trial it is believed that the little ship will show a speed of 22 knots or over.

The people of Chicago propose to mark the naming of the new cruiser *Chicago* by the gift of an elegant and very costly service of silver to be used when distinguished visitors dine on the *Chicago*, which will bequeath often, as the vessel will always be a flagship. The donors of the silverware talked about putting a library on the *Chicago*, but finally decided upon the former as something which would last as long as the cruiser.

The sale of the hull and fittings of the steamer *Great Eastern* on Wednesday realized over £43,000, the copper bringing £2,960, the gun metal, etc., £4,480; brass, £3,980; lead, £4,185; outer iron plates, £12,500; inner iron plates, beams, and rivets, £12,230; and anchors, about £300. The breaking up of the steamer will commence on Jan. 1, and, it is thought, it will occupy a year. The probable cost in labor is estimated at from 10s. to 15s. per ton of material.

THE Fourth Auditor and Second Comptroller of the Treasury are still actively engaged in adjusting the claims of naval officers for back pay under the Mullan, Baker and Strong decisions. Upwards of 500 have been allowed in addition to the 800 already appropriated for and paid, and there is still a large batch awaiting adjustment. It is expected that at least a half million dollars worth of these claims will be certified to Congress by the accounting officers for payment during the present session. No claims have yet been allowed under the recent decision in the case of Simon Cook except in the cases of those who were also benefited by the Mullan decision. In these cases both amounts were allowed at the same time. It is thought that at least two years will elapse before all the claims under these several decisions can be disposed of unless provision should be made for extra clerical force.

THE Committee on Lectures and Entertainments of the Seawanhaka Yacht Club issue a circular announcing the following programme for Saturday evenings during the coming winter, at their clubhouse, No. 7 E. 32d street: Dec. 30—Amateur Music; Jan. 26—Annual Club Dinner; Feb. 9—Lecture by Ensign Edward Everett Hayden, U. S. N., of the Hydrographic Office, on West Indian Hurricanes; Feb. 23—Lecture by Lieut. Sidney A. Staunton, U. S. N., of the Office of Naval Intelligence, on "Winds and the Law of Storms;" March 23—Lecture by Lieut. George L. Dyer, U. S. N., of the Hydrographic Office, on "Ocean Currents;" April 6—Amateur Music. There will also be classes in Navigation, and it is proposed to establish a class for practical instruction in rigging and marline-spike work. Practical talks on this subject, sail making and other kindred topics will take place as opportunity permits. An evening will also be devoted to an exhibition, by means of the polyopticon, of pictures illustrative of nautical subjects.

NAVY GAZETTE.

Ordered.

The orders of Naval Constructor Robert W. Steele, U. S. N., as a member of the board to examine assistant naval constructors for promotion have been modified, and he will continue on duty at the League Island Yard. Naval Constructor Wm. L. Mintonye has been ordered in his place on the board.

Nov. 28.—Pay Inspector John H. Stevenson, to the Pensacola, Dec. 10.

Nov. 30.—Commander C. M. Chester, appointed member of the commission under the act of Congress of September, 1888, for the purpose of selecting a suitable site for a navy-yard and docks on the Pacific Coast.

DEC. 1.—Assistant Naval Constructors Richard Gatewood, F. T. Bowles, John B. Hoover, John F. Hanscom and Joseph Fenster, to examination for promotion Dec. 17.

DEC. 4.—Gunner Robert H. Cross, to the Navy-yard, League Island.

Detached.

Nov. 28.—Pay Director Rufus Parks, as General Storekeeper at the Navy-yard, Norfolk, Dec. 31, and ordered to settle accounts.

Paymaster Joseph Foster, from the Pensacola, Dec. 10, settle accounts and ordered as General Store-keeper at the Navy-yard, Norfolk, Va., Dec. 31.

Sailmaker Herman Hansen, from the receiving ship Vermont and placed on sick leave.

Nov. 30.—Surgeon John F. Bradford, from the Smithsonian Institution and granted six months' leave, with permission to leave the United States.

Assistant Paymaster W. R. Calvert, from the Navy-yard, Portsmouth, N. H., and granted one month's leave.

Dec. 3.—Paymaster John R. Carmody, from the Galena, settle accounts and placed on sick leave.

P. A. Paymaster John R. Martin, from the Navy-yard, New York, Dec. 7, and ordered to the Galena.

Dec. 4.—P. A. Paymaster Arthur Peterson, from the Navy-yard, Mare Island, Cal., and ordered to the Monongahela.

P. A. Paymaster George A. Deering, from the Monongahela and ordered to settle accounts and wait orders.

Dec. 5.—Ensign John F. Luby, from the Branch Hydrographic Office, New York, and ordered to the Coast Survey.

Ensign Harry Kimmell, from the Michigan and ordered to the Coast Survey.

Ensign D. T. Terrell, from the Pinta and ordered to the Branch Hydrographic Office, San Francisco.

Boatswain Patrick Haley, from the receiving ship New Hampshire and ordered to the receiving ship Independence.

Dec. 7.—Commander R. D. Evans, from duty as superintendent of construction of the cruiser Maine at the New York Yard.

Revoked.

The orders of Ensign John B. Blish, to the Vanda-

lia, are revoked. He is detailed from the receiving ship Independence and granted leave until March 31, 1889.

CASUALTIES.

Deaths reported to the Navy Department during the week ending Dec. 5:

Charles Higgins, corporal, Marine Corps, died Nov. 21, at Naval Hospital, Washington.

Wm. Henry Moffatt, private marine, died at Sands Hospital, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from yellow fever, Nov. 4, transferred from U. S. S. Swatara.

Edward Simpson, rear admiral, died at 825 Vermont avenue, Washington, Dec. 1, of Bright's disease and heart failure.

T. Hughes, carpenter's mate, attached to the Ernest, drowned. Date unknown.

Robert Coe, seaman, attached to Coast Survey steamer Patterson, died Nov. 23.

Surgeon Wm. J. Simon, attached to U. S. S. Boston, died Nov. 23 at New York.

John Retzel, private marine, died Nov. 22 at sea.

John J. Kelley, 2d class apprentice, died Nov. 20 at sea.

John Uzelmier, private marine, died Nov. 21 at sea.

E. J. Thrapp, 2d class apprentice, died Nov. 20 at sea.

Edward Langdon, seaman, died at Naval Hospital, New York, Nov. 28.

David Vaughn, pay clerk at Naval Hospital, Chelsea, Mass., died Dec. 3.

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NAVAL ACADEMY.

ANNAPOLES, MD., Dec. 4, 1888.

The first of the series of hops given by the class of '89 took place last Wednesday evening. The guests were being received by Mrs. Walton, the wife of Med. Insp. T. C. Walton, and Cadet B. F. Hutchison. If the 1st Class are as successful with the remainder of their hops they are certainly to be congratulated. Among the visiting naval people at the hop were Comdr. Hoff, Paymr. Allen, Lt. T. Porten, Asst. Naval Constructor D. W. Taylor, Ensign and Mrs. W. A. Edgar, Mrs. Admiral Russell and daughter, Naval Cadets A. H. Robertson and W. B. Franklin, ex Naval Cadet L. L. Young, Miss Rose Bousch, Miss Mary Todd, Miss Dunkleberger, Thornton, Arms and Geo. Gibbs.

Thanksgiving Day the usual sports took place in the forenoon. Altogether the cadets acquitted themselves very creditably. The following were the winners with their records: Running long jump—Camden, '91, 21 ft. 4 in. Running high jump—Hoff, '90, and McDonald, '90, 5 ft. 1 in. Pole vaulting—base, '90, 7 ft. 5 in. Putting shot, 16 lbs.—McDonald, '90, 32 ft. 10 in. 100 yards dash—Brand, '90, 10 sec. Kicking foot ball—Fermier, 14 ft. 6 in. Throwing base ball—Beck, '91, 22 ft.

The foot ball game was announced for 1.15, and was to be Johns Hopkins and both clubs had blood in their eyes, but a team was sent down here by the University, which contained 9 University men and 2 men from the Princeton team. Of course we had no way of finding this out before the game, as we did not suspect the J. H. U.'s of such work, but found out definitely, much to our satisfaction from the University of Pennsylvania when they played here Saturday, as they had been worked in by the J. H. U.'s in the game with the Pennsylvania club Friday, the latter knowing all about them, as they had played opposite them on the Princeton rush line before.

The cadets put up a much weaker game than they had been playing before, much to the surprise of their friends. The work of Fermier, Brand and Patton was especially good, the former making the two touch downs.

For the opposite side, the work of Poe and Riggs, of Princeton, made up the whole game, the former making all the four touch downs. The final score was 25 to 12, against the cadets. Mr. Lewis, of Princeton, umpired the game; he played full back for J. H. U. the next day in the Pennsylvania game. Prof. Whittier, of St. John's College, referred.

On Saturday afternoon the cadets played the "Varsity" team of the University of Pennsylvania and a nice crowd of gentlemen and a more gentlemanly game of foot ball has never been seen within the Academic limits. The cadets, of course, had no hope of beating their opponents, but only desired to make a better score against them than did Johns Hopkins the day before, which they succeeded in doing, amidst the cheering and waving of colors and throwing of bats in the air. In the second half the cadets did not allow the ball to get across the centre line into their territory and always had it close to Pennsylvania's goal; Ford was slightly injured and was relieved toward the latter part of the game by Taylor, who scored nine points for the cadets in as many minutes by a terrific rush across the goal line and a beautiful kick from the field. Our rush line was very well matched to the heavy line of Pennsylvania, but they were much more skilled in the fine points of the game and knew how to use their weight to the best advantage. Hill, the full-back for Pennsylvania, hurt his knee in the last half and was relieved by Wright. Excellent work was done for the visitors by Hulme, Hill and Cash, the kicking and running of the former being specially noteworthy. The cadets played a beautiful game. Brand and Taylor probably carrying off the honors, while Fermier, Patton and Ford were not far behind. Gray and Guest, ex-members of the class of '84, are students at the University of Pennsylvania, the former being one of the best of the 'Varsity foot ball team and being in an important box in the 'Varsity boat crew.

The final score stood Pennsylvania, 25; Cadets, 9. Patton came very near making a second touch down by one of the prettiest rushes of the game. Breaking away from three men, after falling down and getting up, he started out with a clear field before him, but owing to an injury to his leg, obtained in the Hopkins game, from which he was suffering, he was overtaken by Hulme and downed within a few feet of Pennsylvania's goal.

Saturday evening the first of the series of officers' hops took place. Pay Inspector T. T. Caswell and Mrs. Comdr. W. T. Sampson received. Although not as crowded as the hop Wednesday evening, there was quite a number present. The foot ball team stayed over and attended the hop.

Mrs. E. P. Wood gave a very pleasant ladies' tea to a number of her lady friends in the yard Friday.

Mrs. Bartlett returned from New York last Tuesday evening. She will continue her cadet tea Saturday afternoon, much to the delight of her many friends.

Col. Mendell, U. S. A., was a visitor Thanksgiving Day; his son was formerly a member of the class of '89.

Medical Inspector Hochling and son was down to see the sports Thursday.

Professor J. M. Rice, U. S. N., has returned to the Academy after a week's leave and resumed his duties.

Asst. Naval Constructor Louis Nixon spent Thanksgiving Day with friends in Annapolis.

The Seamanship Department has started a lecture course in shipbuilding. Asst. Naval Constructors Gatewood and Stahl being the lecturers. Lectures are given to the First Class every Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. This will probably be very beneficial and interesting.

The following officers registered at the Navy Department for the week ending Dec. 6, 1888: Comdr. A. G. Kellogg, Lieut. Ridgely Hunt, P. A. Surgeon S. H. Dickinson, Lieut. A. W. Grant, Comdr. B. F. Day, Capt. F. M. Ramsay, Lt. T. E. DeWitt Veeder, Lieut.-Comdr. R. M. Berry, P. A. Paymr. S. R. Colhoun, Ensign E. W. Sutphen, Comdr. C. D. Sigsbee.

FORT ABRAHAM LINCOLN, D. T.

THE Mandan Times says: Co. F, 12th Inf., commanded by Capt. James Halloran, outdid itself on Thanksgiving Day, and the result was a menu which may be said to have broken the record as regards like affairs at the post. Co. F has a commander who knows his business....1st Lieut. C. W. Abbot, Jr., 12th Inf., of Fort Yates, with Mrs. Abbot, are the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Howard. They are returning from a four months' trip to the East....Mrs. Townsend, wife of Col. E. F. Townsend, 12th Inf., commanding Fort Yates, but well remembered as the former affable commandant of Fort Lincoln, is the guest of Capt. and Mrs. Halloran. Col. Townsend is expected in a few days enroute for vacation in the East....The custom of firing a morning and evening gun has been resumed, and the morning naps are broken up. This, with the new flagstaff just erected, gives the post a touch of the grandeur that used to hover about it when the lamented Custer occupied the big house.

REVENUE MARINE.

ASSIGNMENTS.

Capt. Eric Gabrielson and 1st Asst. Engr. Jas. Fitzpatrick, from str. Hamilton to waiting orders. 2d Lieut. Geo. Delajo, 2d Lieut. Goo. H. Doty and Chief Engr. Eugene Valiat, from str. Fessenden and placed on waiting orders. 2d Asst. Engr. E. A. Jack, from str. Fessenden, to str. Hamilton. 1st Lieut. W. S. Baldwin, 2d Lieut. Edmund Burke, 2d Lieut. G. A. Starkweather and Chief Engr. J. M. Case, from str. Johnson to waiting orders. 2d Lieut. Geo. E. Thurston, from str. W. E. Smith, waiting orders. 2d Asst. Engr. D. T. Cross, from str. Johnson to str. Ewing, temporarily.

1st Lieut. Geo. H. Gooding, 2d Lieut. F. G. F. Wadsworth, 2d Lieut. W. V. H. Jacobs, Chief Engr. John R. Dally, and 2d Asst. Engr. Eugene Valiat, Jr., from str. Perry to waiting orders.

1st Lieut. A. D. Littlefield, 2d Lieut. John L. Davis, 3d Lieut. G. L. Carden, Chief Engr. Wm. C. Wheeler, and 2d Asst. Engr. C. F. Nash, from str. Bibb to waiting orders.

The Revenue steamers Woodbury, Dallas, Gallatin, Dexter, Ewing and Colfax have been sent out by the Treasury Department, to assist, so far as in their power, all shipwrecked vessels. They are to patrol the coast, and are fitted with an additional supply of provisions and clothing. They will remain out until April 1, and their instructions are to render all assistance in their power to the merchant marine. Their limit of patrol, however, is confined to four marine leagues off the coast.

LIEUTENANT E. C. PENDLETON, U. S. N., is in Washington and will shortly be assigned to duty at the Washington Gun Foundry.

MR. CHARLES T. EARLE, the Chief Clerk of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Navy Dept., is confined to his residence by a serious attack of diphtheritic sore throat.

MRS. CLOVER, wife of Lieut. Richardson Clover U. S. N., and her mother, Mrs. Miller, will shortly go abroad, to remain a year. They will first go to Europe and then continue their journey to China, where they will meet the *Dolphin*, to which vessel Lieut. Clover is attached, will be stationed.

JOHN LOURIE, late an acting ensign, U. S. Navy, died at the Naval Hospital, Philadelphia, on Nov. 3, of paralysis. He was a native of Scotland, and his age was about 45 years. He leaves a widow, but no children. He was in the Service from November, 1863, to December, 1868; was taken prisoner May 18, 1864, while serving on board the steamer *Stockdale* in the West Gulf Squadron; was kept standing on a barrel, with a rope around his neck, from sunrise to sunset, by the rebels, as a menace to prevent the *Stockdale* from firing on the town; and after various hardships, found his way to Libby Prison. He was well-known to officers serving in Philadelphia, and they all speak in the highest terms of him.

THE marriage of Miss Rose de Chine Gouverneur to Chaplain Roswell Randall Hoes, U. S. N., took place at the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, Washington, D. C., on Wednesday evening, the Rev. C. B. Ramsdell, pastor of the North Presbyterian Church, who was a classmate of the groom, officiating. The bride is the daughter of the late Samuel Laurens Gouverneur, a distinguished officer in the Mexican War, and seventh in descent from that old Knickerbocker, Cornelius Jansen Kortright, who came to this country in 1663. Chaplain Hoes is originally from Kingston, N. Y., and is a son of the late Rev. T. C. F. Hoes, D. D., a distinguished minister of the Reformed Church. Mr. Hoes is a grand nephew of ex-President Martin Van Buren and a nephew of the late Henry S. Randall, the biographer of Thomas Jefferson. He was attended by his best man, Lieut. H. Wellford Harrison, U. S. N. The ushers were T. DeWitt Veeder, U. S. N.; Dr. Sydney O. Heiskell, Mr. T. S. Williams, Mr. C. C. Eanes, Mr. Alfred Elliott and Mr. F. F. Fletcher, U. S. N. Two little girls, Margaret Gordon Cumming, a cousin of the bride, and Julie Kellogg, daughter of Col. Kellogg, U. S. A., led the van of bridesmaids. Miss Maud Gouverneur, a sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Miss Trescott, Miss Carter, Miss Roe, Miss Wilkes, Miss Maud Davidge and Miss Green, of Virginia, were bridesmaids. The bride was escorted by Mr. Justice Bradley, of the U. S. Supreme Court. The church was filled with distinguished guests. President and Mrs. Cleveland were among the invited guests, and the bride received a beautiful congratulatory note from Mrs. Cleveland. After the ceremony there was a reception at the residence of Mrs. Gouverneur, and then the happy couple left on a tour. Chaplain Hoes is on the *Vermont*, stationed at the Brooklyn Navy-yard, and has bought a house up town on West End avenue, near Riverside Drive, in New York City.

PATENTS FOR MILITARY INVENTIONS.

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John T. Smith, Rockfall, Conn., revolver.

Paul Mauser, Wurttemberg, Germany, lock mechanism for guns.

T. Nordenfeldt, Westminster, England, carriage for machine guns.

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ARMYNAVY.

WHAT INSPECTORS SEE AND WHAT THEY DON'T SEE.

MUCH has been done within the last half dozen years for the improvement of the Army, and beyond doubt its efficiency is greatly increased. Many new ideas have crept in (*mirabilis dictu*), at least new in our Service, and have been worked out with excellent results. Many valuable suggestions have been received through reports of the inspectors; and the line officers have worked faithfully, early and late, in carrying out the new system. Still, there are many points which yet require attention, and which strike a disinterested observer most frequently and forcibly. In the first place it seems strange that officers of very high rank should set so poor an example in the matter of obedience to orders, should seem utterly independent of and indifferent to them in many instances. There is no other Army in the world where officers of the higher grades are not held to a strict accountability for violations of law and orders.

The annual inspections are now much more thorough than they used to be. The inspectors are bright, zealous officers who go carefully into every detail affecting the efficiency or welfare of the troops, except in one direction; how is it when the post commander is concerned? Is anything said or done when it is clear that his duties have been systematically neglected? When for instance it is apparent by the appearance of things that the drill orders of the post have been only intended for higher headquarters, and probably have been countermanded the next day by a circular (which does not go there), or at least so modified as to excuse all detailed men from drill for months, leaving only a squad of eight or ten men, conducting the Guard, in each company for drill.

We have seen a frontier post where the number of men detailed on extra and daily duty, not counting the necessary daily duty details within the company, exceeded in number the entire duty strength of the four companies which formed the garrison, and this was a completed post, not one

building. Do inspectors ask questions which would bring such facts to the surface? War Department orders should prescribe that at least two drills a week must be held with every man present, during certain months; then a captain could be held accountable with justice for the efficiency of his company.

And now as to the instruction of officers. What does this consist of usually? Why simply the recitations in tactics—drill tactics only. The sight is familiar in our Service of gray-headed men who had been over a quarter of a century in the Army, reciting like school boys in the "manual of arms" or the "setting up" exercise for recruits. This is simply humiliating them; not instructing them. The instruction of an officer should consist of studies in "Grand Tactics," the war game, lectures on famous campaigns, etc. Thus the winter would not be wasted. The value of kriegspiel is underestimated in our Service, because the majority do not understand in what direction its great usefulness lies, i. e., not in the actual conflict estimate of losses, but rather in the planning, formation of orders, and learning to grasp situations.

Duties in garrison life might be made much more interesting and instructive, instead of being so monotonous as they are. There are a hundred ways of doing it; let the drills be varied in character, embracing during the season every kind of work incident to a campaign. Less of the dress parade business, in fact, and more of the kind which will fit soldiers for what they are intended—War. These practice marches are an effort in the right direction. You may give a cook every ingredient for a good dinner yet you may not get a good dinner after all—it depends on the cook.

We know that the petty details of a garrison must be very irksome to an old colonel, who has probably commanded a brigade or division in our great war, and that the duties required of him, on the target ground and elsewhere, under the new dispensation must be (or would be) very trying. Such colonels have earned the right to rest for the remainder of their lives, and should be retired with the highest rank held by them in the war; the country could well afford to recognize their past valuable services in this way, and these men deserve such reward from the Republic they have been instrumental in saving. If, however, we pretend to be on the reform track we should require that every officer perform his full duty, the field officer as well as the young 2d lieutenant.

THE report of Paymaster Robert W. Allen, U. S. Navy, upon the methods employed in the business of the Navy-yard, New York, is now in the hands of Secretary Whitney. The report is of a confidential nature, and will be so regarded and treated by the Secretary. That there were frauds discovered, and of considerable magnitude, there can be no doubt. The men discharged were not in collusion with the thieves, but were dismissed for incompetency and carelessness. The former Storekeeper, Pay Inspector Stevenson, was not "mixed up in the affair," as has been stated. His orders, issued Thursday, to the steamer *Pensacola* clearly demonstrates that. The recommendations contained in the report, and the loose methods pursued in the business methods of the office are touched upon. Nothing worse than negligence has been proven against any officer of the yard, but it is made evident that there has been negligence, and that this has resulted in a dishonest appropriation of Government property to a large amount. The lax methods have been to a certain extent remedied, and the work in all the departments of the yard is now being conducted in a more businesslike way.

THE addition of several artillery and infantry officers to the Engineer garrison at Willet's Point, for a course of torpedo instruction, is a pleasant feature which will be appreciated, especially during the winter, as most of the new arrivals are young officers.

ANOTHER evidence of General Schofield's desire to improve the efficiency of the Army will soon appear in the shape of a general order requiring commanding officers to report all officers and men for any special skill or meritorious act performed in

connection with their duties or otherwise, with the view to special mention in general orders, to be issued annually, of all persons who have so distinguished themselves. Notice is not only to be taken of heroic acts of such a nature as to attract the attention of the whole country, but of any special deed or act worthy of commendation from a commanding officer.

ORDERS were issued this week assigning Major Eugene B. Beaumont, 4th Cavalry, and Major Edward Moale, 1st Infantry, to special duty in the Departments of Texas and Arizona, respectively. These officers will perform the duties of inspectors, thus providing all the Departments with acting inspectors. The other officers acting in this capacity not regularly assigned under the law as acting inspectors are Lieutenant-Colonel W. F. Drum, Department of Dakota; Lieutenant-Colonel R. H. Hall, Department of the Platte; Major S. S. Sumner, Department of California, and Major E. V. Sumner, Department of the Missouri.

MAJOR GEN. O. O. HOWARD, U. S. A., will arrive at Governor's Island early next week and assume command of the Division of the Atlantic. We heartily welcome the General to this vicinity and trust his tour in the East will be a pleasant one. San Francisco held him in high esteem for even our somewhat caustic friend (where the Army is concerned) the Report says:

General Howard has endeared himself to a large number of our citizens and has taken an active, and we doubt not, most useful part in the religious and temperance work, which, next to the performance of his military duties, seems to be nearest to his heart. He has also carried forward, with energy and good judgment, important extensions and amendments on the military reservation. Withal, General Howard has been a most unassuming gentleman. He departs, well spoken of by soldiers and civilians alike, and San Francisco wishes him success and happiness wherever the fortunes of war or peace may take him.

ONE of the attractions of New York is the holiday show to be seen at the establishment of Macy and Co. Crowds gather around their windows at the corner of Fourteenth street and Sixth avenue to witness the attractive display, and their establishment is crowded from early morning until far into the evening with eager buyers. The horse-cars carry among their legends, "To Macy's," which is a rendezvous for the shoppers of New York. It may interest our readers to know that the business of this great establishment was built up in part by an ex officer of Volunteers, who introduced into the administration of its affairs ideas of thorough system to which military service had accustomed him. Almost everything required for household economy can be obtained at Macy's and at prices as favorable as they can be made by a great establishment dealing entirely for cash; and even a restaurant is included in its fitout. There is no house better or more favorably known.

At a meeting of Army and Navy officers held at the United Service Club, Washington, on Tuesday, the following officers were appointed on the committee to make all arrangements for the entertainments during the coming season; Navy—Commander W. S. Schley, Commander W. B. Hoff, Surgeon M. L. Ruth, Passed Assistant Engineer B. C. Bryan, Ensign P. R. Alger, and 2d Lieutenant George Barnett, U. S. Marine Corps. Army—Colonel Garrett J. Lydecker, Lieutenant Buchanan, Lieutenant Benjamin Harrison Randolph, Lieutenant Barrette, and Captain George S. Anderson. It is understood from the members that there will be but one entertainment—a large ball. The date has not yet been agreed upon.

WITH the view to opening the way to securing direct appropriation for the support of the U. S. Soldiers' Home at Washington, Senator Plumb offered, and the Senate adopted on Dec. 5, a resolution calling on the Secretary of War for information as to how much has been deducted from the pay of soldiers during the past ten years for the support of the Home.

We are requested to state, for the information of the numerous friends of General Clitz, who have evinced such a warm interest in him, since his disappearance, that up to this date his family are still without any further clue to his whereabouts.

CAPTAIN R. H. PRATT, U. S. A., in a recent report says: "The Indian has been petted too much for his own good, and in the future he should be made more self-sustaining and held to a strict accountability for his actions." The captain should know.

A PAPER entitled "The Fortifications of New York City and Harbor in the War of 1812-15," by R. S. Guernsey, Esq., will be read before the Military

Service Institution, at Governor's Island, N. Y. H Thursday, Dec. 13, at 8 p. m.

ALL staff appointments, including successor to Major Gardiner, have been decided upon by the President, but will not be made public until the nominations go to the Senate on Monday. There is a strong suspicion that the Inspectorship will go to the Artillery, probably Captain J. P. Sanger, 1st Artillery, and one of the two Judge-Advocateships to Captain George B. Davis, 5th Cavalry. The other places are involved in much doubt.

ORDNANCE NOTES.

THE 6 inch rifled gun, cast of Bessemer steel by the Pittsburg Steel Casting Company, has had a trial, which is admitted by all concerned to have been a perfectly fair one, and it has not stood the test. A representative of the Pittsburg Co. writes us that "the treatment received from all Government officials, Secretary Whitney, Commodore Sicard, Lieut. Knight, and the ordnance officers at the Washington Navy-yard has been eminently fair and satisfactory." The trial took place on the Annapolis Proving Ground Dec. 5, in the presence of seven representatives of the manufacturers, W. G. Johnson, president; Wm. Hainsworth, superintendent; John Irwin, treasurer; Charles Bailey, W. T. Sanger, James Melamphy, Stewart Hainsworth, Jr. The naval officers present were Commander Sampson, superintendent of the Naval Academy; Commodore Walker, Lieut.-Comdr. Sperry, Lieut. Howard and McCracken, Ensigns Haesler and Glenison, Profs. Hendrickson and Rice. The officers in charge of the experiment were Lieut. A. M. Knight, commanding; Lieut. Wilcox, and Ensigns Gleason and Darshill, assistants.

Before the regular test was made a preliminary round, with a reduced charge, was fired for the purpose of fitting the gas check pad and of raising the temperature of the gun. In this test the gun carried eleven tons pressure to the square inch, with an initial velocity of 1,700 feet. Fifteen minutes later the regular test was begun, it being proposed to fire ten rounds as rapidly as possible. The charge used was the regular service round for the 6 inch gun, 48½ pounds brown prismatic powder. This charge should give to the projectile, a conical shell, weighing 100 pounds, an initial velocity of 2,000 ft. a second, with a pressure in the bore of 35 tons. At the first round with this charge the gun burst, scattering fragments in all directions. The breech plug and rear portion of the gun were sent to the rear about 100 feet, and the muzzle and chase about 20 feet to the front. All the intermediate parts of the gun were broken into fragments, varying in weight from a few pounds to several hundred pounds. The shelter for the gun and platform on which the gun was placed were completely wrecked, many of the huge logs of which the shelter was composed being cut entirely in two. The pressure gages were recovered intact, and showed the pressure to have been slightly over 14 tons to the square inch. No flaw was observed in the metal. The gun was mounted on a hydro-pneumatic carriage that received the recoil of 2½ inches. It was fired into the earth bank 100 yards away. Wendell Bollman, machinist at the naval proving ground, pulled the lanyard, as he has done many times before. The spectators were sheltered in bombproof stations, some with looking glasses and others with peep holes, giving a view of the gun at the discharge.

It is too soon to determine the precise cause for the failure of this gun. Its manufacturers are not prepared to admit that it due to any inherent unfitness of cast steel for heavy ordnance. The results obtained by the Swedish Company, Bofors Gulspang, if the report of them can be depended upon, shows the contrary. We have taken measures to learn more exactly the results of a recent trial of one of these guns in Switzerland. The Pittsburgh Company are disposed to ascribe the failure of their gun to their experiment with a new process of tempering. Dr. Gatling gives it as his opinion "that the failure of the Bessemer steel cast gun grew out of the fact of its being cast whole. Had it been cast with a core and cooled from the centre, the gun in all probability would not have burst." It is for the casting of guns by the Rodman process of cooling from the interior that we have contended, and for that alone.

Comdr. Sicard is reported as saying: "While we were boring and rifling this gun we discovered that the steel contained many little globular spaces. They are called 'chambers' by the French and are caused by the gases becoming imprisoned in the cooling metal while endeavoring to force their way through the molten mass. There were from 30 to 50 of these little 'chambers' in the interior of the gun, and probably as many on the outside. They were not very large, ranging from the size of a pin head to three or four times that size, but they certainly weakened the resisting power of the gun, and in themselves would have tended to excite doubt and suspicion." The fact of the discovery of these flaws we noted at the time. Continuing, Comdr. Sicard said:

"If the accident of yesterday does not deter the manufacturers from further experiments there may come a day when cast steel will make a good gun. It will not be in this generation I am afraid. The Standard Company, of Thurlow, near Chester, Pa., have already cast one gun. It was not satisfactory, and they are making another. I am frank enough to say that the outlook for their work is better. They are making their gun of open-hearth steel in the Siemens-Martin furnace. The gun which burst yesterday was of Bessemer steel." Ensign Robert B. Dashill, one of the officers who made the test said: "The experiment proves that Bessemer cast steel will not do for great guns; it has not the elasticity nor the tensile strength. The gun exploded had a pressure of fourteen and a tenth tons to the square inch. The gun showed weakness in the breech, where it ought to have strength."

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1ST LIEUTENANT S. Y. SEVBURN, 10th Inf., on leave from Fort Union, N. M., is at 82 Congress st., Detroit, Mich.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

The Department of State has published a series of "Maps showing the location of the Diplomatic and Consular Officers of the United States of America, March 1, 1888." The location and character of the office is indicated by a symbol printed in red on an outline map colored buff.

In a large atlas Messrs. Chas. Scribner's Sons publish at the price of \$2 comparison charts of political parties, showing their origin and supremacy from 1776-1868, giving an analysis of party votes; the tariff, duty, revenue exports and balance of trade; shipping and wages, compared with tariff and cost of living; also colored charts exhibiting the geographical distribution of party strength; the distribution of foreign population; of manufactures of the wool product, and finally a colored chart giving an epitome of our general and political history and party platforms and principles. It is entitled "Citizen's Atlas of American Politics, 1789-1888; a series of colored maps and charts by Fletcher W. Hewes, author of 'Scribner's Statistical Atlas of the United States.'" It presents in a novel but most effective way some salient points in our national history in their relations to political contests and is a mine of information for those who are interested in the study of politics in the larger and nonpartisan sense. It is a volume that ought to be under the eye of every officer and of every cadet of the Military or Naval Academy, for it enables one to absorb information of the greatest value to every citizen almost without study. So comprehensive a view of the whole range of American political history could have been given in no other way. By the aid of a semi-pictorial method, Mr. Hewes brings before the eye at one glance what would require pages of text and dry statistics to cover. The entire material, economic, and political development of the country is furnished in a general survey that leaves nothing to be desired in its compactness and clearness.

Sportmen will welcome the appearance from the press of Rand, McNally and Co., Chicago, of Mr. Wm. Bruce Leffingwell's handsome volume, entitled "Wild Fowl Shooting," containing scientific and practical descriptions of wild fowl; their resorts, habits, flights, and the most successful method of hunting them. It treats of the selection of guns for wild fowl shooting; how to load, to aim, and to use them successfully—of blinds, how, when, and where to construct them—of boats, how to build and use them scientifically, and of retrievers, their characteristics, how to select and how to train them. Most of the chapters devoted to the description of game are occupied with ducks and geese in numerous variety, and the rest to snipe, quail, and swan. The book is written in a lively style, mingling description with anecdote, and it has thirteen illustrations besides a frontispiece portrait of the hand-some author.

Messrs. G. Putnam's Sons publish a volume, entitled "Indian Sketches," by John Treat Irving. These were taken during a U. S. Expedition to make treaties with the Pawnees and other tribes of Indians in 1853. Some of them are very amusing and all of them are well told and highly characteristic of Indian ways. The same publishers have added another volume to the valuable series, "The Story of the Nations," this one being by Gustave Masson, B. A., and devoted to "The Story of Medieval France, from the reign of Hugues Capet to the beginning of the Eighteenth Century." This is evidently an error of the title page, for the narrative ends with Louis XII., who died Jan. 1, 1515. This is the twenty-second volume thus far issued of a series which will when completed furnish a library of condensed history by authors of acknowledged reputation. Egypt, Chaldæa, Greece, Rome, Carthage, Persia, Spain, Germany, Norway, Hungary, France, The Hanse Towns, Alexander's Empire, Assyria, Turkey, Ireland, Media, and Babylon; The Jews, Goths, Mormons, Moors, and Saracens, are the subjects thus far considered, and volumes on Byzantium, the Italian Republics and Kingdom, Holland, Portugal, Mexico, Phoenicia, Switzerland, Russia, Wales, and Scotland are announced.

Charles Bars Todd's "Story of the City of New York" is another of those useful publications which, appearing in unbroken series, have made the house of Putnam's Sons so well and so honorably known. It traces the growth of the Metropolitan City from the days of Indian wigwams to those of palaces and of thirteen storied houses, each one containing a population in excess of all that Verrazano or Henry Hudson found here. First is described the Dutch dynasty, which Irving has immortalized; then the English rule, and finally the period of municipal administration succeeding the Revolution, which might not inaptly be denominated the Irish rule. 44 mayors have come and gone in this period and the 45th has just taken the oath of office and is awaiting his inauguration. Of these, one, De Witt Clinton, served three terms, and five others, Radcliff, Paulding, Havemeyer, Wood and Grace, two terms each. The land which in 1626 was bought for 11 cents an acre is taxed in 1888 upon a valuation of \$1,302,818.87, with the improvements, showing an estimated wealth, according to the accepted proportion between taxable and actual market value, of over two thousand millions of dollars.

We have another noble semi annual volume of the "Century Illustrated Monthly Magazine," that which includes the six numbers from May, 1888, to October, 1888. We know of no literature which makes a more acceptable return for the money expended upon it than a good magazine, and there is no better magazine published, here or abroad, than the "Century." Such a publication not only affords amusement for the passing moment, but it provides library of reading always interesting and always fresh. Thirty-six volumes and nearly as many thousand pages of excellent reading, marks the record of the "Century" thus far. From the same publishers (The Century Co.) we have two bound volumes for 1888, of "St. Nicholas," whose editor Mrs. Mary Mapes Dodge, has given it as high a position in its class as that held by the "Century" in the class to which it belongs. There is not the same distinction made now between the literature for the young and the old, or, at least, that for the young is so excellent that it wins a place in the household among the elders. Interesting in every page, handsomely illustrated, handsomely printed and handsomely bound, these volumes of "St. Nicholas" are

among the choicest of holiday presents, and how the eyes of the youngster who gets them will glisten, and what wild halloos will rend the air as they reveal themselves among the treasures of the holy Christmastide.

Captain Dwight H. Kelton, A. M., has published at Detroit, Mich., the first volume of a work entitled "Indian Names of Places Near the Great Lakes." These are of Algonkin origin and embody historical facts and legendary tales, which it is the purpose of the author to rescue from oblivion by tracing their origin and significance. A remnant of the Algonkins are found on the Lake of the Two Mountains, near Montreal.

In the December number of the "Magazine of American History" Mrs. Lamb has an excellent paper on "Inauguration of Washington in 1789;" and Monroe D. Conway has a curious page on the origin of the epithet, "The Father of His Country." Among the short contributions is an unpublished letter by S. R. Mallory, secretary of the confederate navy, 1861, about the purchase of the ship *Trent*.

The Gossip Printing Co., Mobile, Ala., publish a new edition of T. C. De Leon's "Cross Purposes, A Christmas Experience in VII Stages." Also "The Rock on the Rye," by the same author.

LATE ARMY ORDERS.

Leave for two months, to commence on or about Dec. 20, is granted 1st Lt. John H. Philbrick, Madison Barracks. (S. O. 258, Div. Atl., Dec. 7.)

A. G. C. M. will meet at Mt. Vernon Barracks, Ala., Dec. 12. Detail: Maj. Wm. Sinclair, Capts. Frank B. Hamilton, Walter Reed, Asst. Surg., John C. Scantling, Geo. S. Grimes, 1st Lt. Geo. F. Barney, 2d Lt. Chas. F. Parker, 2d Art., and 2d Lt. Arthur F. Curtis, 2d Art. (S. O. 258, Div. Atl., Dec. 7.)

The leave for 7 days granted Capt. John J. Cochran, Asst. Surg., Fort Adams, is extended 5 days. (S. O. 258, Div. Atl., Dec. 7.)

A CARD FROM GENERAL SHERMAN.

I AND family are now returned from St. Louis, having deposited the confined body of Mrs. Sherman near "Our Willie," at the very spot chosen by ourselves in 1860, reaffirmed in 1883, and often spoken of as a matter of course between us. We have followed in the minutest particular her every wish. Every member of my own family and hers, the "Ewings," are content, for no mortal was ever better prepared to "put on immortality" than Mrs. General Sherman.

Of course, being the older and subjected to harder strains, I expected to precede her; but it is ordained otherwise. In due time I will resume my place by her side, and I want my friends, especially my old soldier friends, to know that they shall not be taxed one cent, for I have made, or will make, every provision.

I have received by telegraph, mail, card and every possible way, hundreds of kind, sympathetic messages, all of which have been read by myself and children. To make suitable replies to all is simply impossible, and I offer the above as a general answer.

W. T. SHERMAN.

THE annual report from the Army divisions and departments came all together this year, and at such an hour that we are obliged to postpone their consideration until another week.

THE retirement of Maj. Asa Bird Gardner, Judge Advocate General's Dept., U. S. A., on account of disability, is announced to take effect Dec. 7.

CHAPLAIN ALPHA WRIGHT, U. S. N., retired, died at Portsmouth, N. H., Dec. 1.

The physicians are very much discouraged as to the recovery of Gen. Roger Jones, inspector general. He was ordered to Fort Monroe this week for treatment, but his friends fear that he will not be able to make the trip. He is suffering from Bright's disease.

LIEUTENANT RIDGELEY HUNT, U. S. N., is visiting his family at the Richmond, Washington.

CAPTAIN F. M. RAMSAY, U. S. N., commanding the Boston, is in Washington on a short visit to his family.

LIEUTENANT W. W. WOTHERSPOON, 12th Inf., is in Utica, N. Y., on leave.

LIEUTENANT AARON WARD will shortly be ordered as naval attaché at Paris in place of Lieut. B. H. Buckingham.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL L. SMITH, 20th Inf., who was recently ordered home to await retirement, is at 250 W. 49th st., New York City.

LIEUTENANT W. Y. STAMPER, 21st Inf., will spend the Christmas holidays in New York City. His address is 490 Broadway.

LIEUTENANT J. E. SAWYER, U. S. A., of Maj.-Gen. Schofield's staff, and family, will soon leave New York to spend several months abroad.

2D LIEUTENANT Z. B. VANCE, JR., is visiting his parents at 1627 Massachusetts ave., Washington, D. C., where he will remain until some time after the holidays.

GENERAL A. V. KAUTZ, U. S. A., of Fort Niobrara, is soon expected in Cincinnati to spend the holidays on leave. He will return to Fort Niobrara in the spring of 1889.

LIEUTENANT E. ST. J. GREBLE, 2d U. S. Artillery, A. D. C. to Major Gen. Howard, arrived at Governor's Island on Thursday, in advance of his chief, who is expected Tuesday next.

The following Army officers registered at the War Department during the present week: 2d Lieut. Letcher Hardeman, 4th Cav.; 2d Lieut. J. J. Pershing, 6th Cav.; 1st Lieut. R. R. Steedman, 10th Inf.; 1st Lieut. E. R. Hills, 5th Art.; Capt. Geo. McGowen, retired; 1st Lieut. John McClellan, 5th Art.; 1st Lieut. J. G. Warren, Engrs.; Capt. M. B. Hughes, 9th Cav.; 1st Lieut. F. H. Barnhart, 18th Int.; 2d Lt. Z. B. Vance, Jr., 19th Inf.; 2d Lieut. S. C. Robertson, 1st Cav.; Major Anson Mills, 10th Cav.; Capt. T. H. Reeves, retired; 2d Lieut. W. Y. Stamper, 21st Inf.; 1st Lieut. W. N. Blow, 16th Inf.

FIFTIETH CONGRESS—SECOND SESSION.

The following is a complete list of naval bills passed by the Senate at the last session, and which now await the action of the House Naval Committee:

S. 1428, authorizing appointment of a hydrographer and assistant hydrographer of the Navy.
S. 128, relief of inmates of U. S. Naval Homes.
S. 2025, fixing the number of assignments to the Navy from graduates of Naval Academy each year at 20; 15 to the line, 4 to Engineer Corps, and 1 to Marine Corps.
S. 1109, for relief of Comdr. G. M. Bach, U. S. N., retired.
S. 1178, for relief of Capt. Charles Thomas, U. S. N.
S. 881, to regulate pay of ensigns of the Navy.
S. 1370, for relief of Asst. Engr. H. D. Potts.
S. 653, defining the positions of salaries of assistant astronomers.
S. 1232, for relief of Thomas G. Corbin.
S. R. 21, authorizing Secretary of Navy to loan certain scientific instruments.

Among the bills passed by the Senate at the last session and now awaiting the action of the House Military Committee are the following:

S. 24, to amend Article of War 103.
S. 1248, for rearrangement of grades in the Subsistence Department.
S. 2394, for erection of Berdan counterpoise battery on the banks of the Potomac, near Washington.
S. 1100, to retire officers found incapacitated by retiring boards and now awaiting retirement.
S. 35, for promotion of assistant surgeons after twenty years' service.
S. 295, for retirement of J. C. Fremont.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

S. 3644, Dolph. To amend the act approved Feb. 25, 1885, entitled "An act to authorize a retired list for privates and non-commissioned officers of the U. S. Army who have served for a period of 30 years or upward."

Be it enacted, etc. That when an enlisted man has served as such 25 years, continuous or otherwise, in the U. S. Army, either as a private or as a non-commissioned officer, or both, he shall, by making application to the President, be placed upon the retired list, with the rank held by him at the date of retirement, and no shall thereafter receive 75 per centum of the pay and allowances of the rank upon which he was retired: *Provided*, That any enlisted man who shall become disabled in the line of duty, and having completed 20 years' service, shall, in like manner, be placed upon the retired list with 75 per centum of the pay and allowances of the rank held at date of retirement.

Sec. 2. That on and after the passage of this act any enlisted man who has served at least one year in the Regular or Volunteer Army during the Civil War of 1861 to 1865, either as an officer, non-commissioned officer, or private, and who shall have completed 20 years' service, continuous or otherwise, shall, by making application to the President, be placed upon the retired list for enlisted men, and shall thereafter receive 75 per centum of the pay and allowances of the rank held at date of such retirement.

S. 3649, Faulkner. To place John J. Hessler on the retired list of the U. S. Army as 1st Lieutenant.

S. 3650, Reagan, by request. Authorizing the construction of two steel rams, at a cost of \$1,500,000, to be armed with heavy rifled dynamite guns and pneumatic torpedo throwers, calculated to develop a speed of not less than 21 knots per hour, and are to be constructed on the lines and in accordance with the plans and specifications proposed by Rear Admiral Daniel Ammen, U. S. N., and said rams shall be supplied with an armament of high-power rifled guns and torpedo throwers, built in accordance with detailed plans and specifications submitted to the Committee on Naval Affairs of the House of Representatives by J. W. Graydon, late Lieutenant U. S. N., said plans and specifications of these rams and their armament to be subject to the approval of the committee.

S. 3651, Reagan. Secretary of Navy is hereby authorized to cause to be constructed two steel cruisers, each to be armed with four 10-inch high power rifles, throwing shells charged with dynamite or other high explosive; these guns to be mounted in two turtle-back turrets, one forward and the other aft; each of said cruisers, in addition to the armament above specified, to be provided with six pneumatic torpedo throwers, two in the bow, two in the stern, and one on each beam; these torpedo throwers to be mounted on carriages in such a manner as to be elevated, depressed and trained, and to be not more than 34 ft. in length, and to be capable of throwing torpedoes charged with not less than 600 pounds of dynamite or other high explosive a distance of two miles. These cruisers shall be furnished with engines and boilers calculated to develop a speed of not less than 21 knots per hour, and are to be constructed together with their armament, in accordance with detailed plans and specifications submitted to the committee on Naval Affairs of the House by J. W. Graydon, late Lieutenant U. S. Navy; said plans and specifications, both for the vessels and their armament, to be subject to the approval of the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Sec. 2. The cruisers referred to shall be built at a cost not to exceed \$750,000 each, fully equipped and ready for sea.

H. R. 11636, Morrow. Making appropriation for the construction of a revenue cutter for San Francisco, Cal.

H. R. 11644, Butler. Authorizing the Secretary of the Navy to construct a refracting telescope, under the direction of Theodore Ruggles Timby.

LIEUTENANT E. GRIFFITH, 13th Inf., is at his home, near Chester, Pa., on leave.

LIEUTENANT F. M. H. KENDRICK, 7th Inf., on leave from Columbus, Ga., is at St. Paul.

LIEUTENANT W. W. ROBINSON, 7th Cav., is at Hyde Park, Ill., on leave from Fort Riley, Kan.

CAPTAIN J. M. NORVELL, 12th Inf., on leave from Fort Yates, Dak., is at 321 Larne Street, Detroit, Mich.

CAPTAIN R. NORWOOD, 2d Cav., has left Blue Ridge Summit, Pa., and is now residing in Baltimore, Md.

It is understood that the Rev. Mr. Larkin, of Ill., will be appointed to the vacant post chaplaincy. He is endorsed by all the Senators and Representatives of his State.

HOSPITAL STEWARD ALBERT MILLER, now at the Military Academy, West Point, has been commissioned a Hospital Steward, he having re-enlisted for a second period of five years.

Mrs. HANCOCK has established herself very comfortably in the house at Washington, bought for her by the friends of Gen. Hancock. She has with her her relatives, Mrs. and Miss Bonour, and her brother, Mr. Oliver Russell, who was for so long a familiar figure on Governor's Island.

The following Army and Navy officers registered at the Ebbtide during the week ending Dec. 7, 1888: Army—Major Anson Mills, 5th Cav.; Capt. F. E. Nye, S. D. Navy—Comdr. Geo. W. Coffin, Lieuts. E. C. Pendleton and A. W. Grant, Chaplain R. R. Hoos, Major Green Clay Goodloe, U. S. M. C.; W. F. McDonald, U. S. M. H. S.

LIEUTENANT R. LONDON, 5th Cav., is at Wilmington, N. C., on six months' sick leave.

CAPTAIN J. S. BISHOP, 13th Inf., will spend the holidays at 643 N. 11th St., Philadelphia, Pa.

CAPTAIN A. A. HARBACH, 20th Inf., on leave from Fort Assiniboine, Mont., is at Burlington, Iowa.

CAPTAIN WILLIAM BADGER, 6th Inf., on leave from Fort Lewis, Col., is at 159 High St., Boston, Mass.

CAPTAIN T. M. McDougall, 7th Cav., will spend the sick leave recently granted him at the Hot Springs, Ark.

LIEUTENANT B. A. RYAN, Adjutant 6th Inf., on leave from Fort Leavenworth, is visiting his mother, at 2017 N St., Washington, D. C.

LIEUTENANT T. B. DUGAN, 3d Cav., will spend the four months' leave recently obtained in Baltimore, Md., residing at 30 S. Charles St.

LIEUTENANT W. D. BEACH, 3d Cav., who has been on leave in N. Y. City, will start for his new station at Eagle Pass, Texas, the early part of next week.

LIEUTENANT C. W. HAROLD, 5d Art., left Fort McHenry, Dec. 4, to visit his family and plantation at Victoria, Fla., where he will spend the full two months' leave granted him.

The proceedings of the Army Retiring Board in the case of Col. Elmer Otis, 8th Cav., have been received by the Adjutant-General. It is understood that he was found not incapacitated for active service, it being the opinion of the Board that he will be able to resume his duties again upon the expiration of his present leave of absence.

CARDINAL GIBBONS, of Baltimore, has written a letter endorsing heartily the great petition to Congress for a law forbidding Sunday work in the Government mail and military service and in interstate commerce. This petition had previously been endorsed by six and a quarter million of petitioners in churches and labor organizations.

THE Newport News, referring to the fact that Capt. Eric Gabrielson, U. S. R. M., has been detached from the *Hamilton*, at Philadelphia, and granted sick leave, says: "Capt. Gabrielson has many friends in Newport, and others that have never met him will remember him for the timely assistance rendered to the *City of Columbus* off Gay Head."

THE committee appointed by the Society of the Army of the Cumberland to take charge of the erection of an equestrian statue in Washington of the late Gen. Sheridan met at the Grand Pacific Hotel, Chicago, on Tuesday. Gens. Fullerton, Barnett and Ducat, and Col. Corbin were appointed to secure from Congress an appropriation for the statue. They are to meet in Washington on the first Monday in January.

AMONG the pictures to be seen at the informal exhibition at 122 West 36th street, New York City, by the Society of Amateur Photographers, are some by Maj. George Shorkey, U. S. A., and P. A. Engr. C. P. Howell, U. S. N. On the list of active members of the society we find the names of Cols. A. Heger and J. H. Janeway, U. S. A.; P. A. Engr. Howell, U. S. N.; Maj. W. F. Randolph, U. S. A.; Paymr. Geo. H. Read, U. S. N., and Maj. Geo. Shorkey, U. S. A. Lt. C. Bruns, U. S. N., is an associate member.

LIEUTENANT T. W. GRIFFITH, 18th U. S. Inf., the new professor of Military Science and Tactics at the University of Nebraska, was tendered a reception at Grant Memorial Hall, Lincoln, Nov. 27. It was also intended to be, to a certain extent, a students' dedication of Grant Memorial Hall, the armory building for which the cadets have longed since the formation of the first company, over a dozen years ago. The affair was in charge of the cadets, and it was well managed. After the reception came dancing, which, as the local paper says, "closed the most notable sociable event in the history of the university."

THE Vancouver Independent of Nov. 28 says: The Bachelor's german at the barracks was the first grand success of the season... Capt. Edward Hunter, 1st Cav., is at Walla Walla, investigating Indian depredation claims.... Col. Geo. H. Weeks has gone to San Antonio for duty as chief Q. M., Dept. of Texas.... The engagement is announced of Lt. P. D. Lochridge and Miss Charlotte Rawolle, daughter of Capt. Rawolle, 2d U. S. Cav..... Mrs. Howard and Miss Bessie, wife and daughter of Gen. O. O. Howard, arrived at Vancouver, Sunday, to visit Mrs. Jas. T. Gray. On Monday they left for New York to join Gen. Howard.

THE following we copy from the Nashville, Tenn., *Daily American*: "Dr. and Mrs. W. G. Spenser, U. S. Army, received a cordial welcome recently at Mrs. Spenser's old home on Stevenson avenue, where in former times she was a belle as Miss Lula McCrory. Though the lapse of time was impressed upon her whilom friends by the presence of a lovely little daughter, Mrs. Spenser is as fresh of face and spirits as of old. Dr. Spenser is on a furlough of two months, a portion of which he is spending with Mrs. Spenser, whose sojourn here may be of some duration, in the event of Dr. Spenser's return to his garrison in Dakota. As Dr. Spenser expects soon to change station their friends hope it may result in seeing them oftener in Nashville. Mrs. Spenser will be entertained Tuesday at a tea from 4 to 6 by Mrs. Will K. Miller."

"HARPER'S WEEKLY," having confused initials and reported that James W. Forsyth had been court-martialed, hastens to correct its error in a very handsome but justly-merited tribute to the character of Brevet Brig.-Gen. James W. Forsyth, Colonel 7th Cavalry, who "was never court-martialed, and has no stain whatever on his illustrious record." It makes a brief summary of Gen. Forsyth's services, and concludes: "To all familiar with the distinguished thirty-two years' service of General James W. Forsyth in the Regular Army it was of course known that he was not the officer alluded to in the paragraph just spoken of. We hasten, however, to make this correction, and do so the more gladly since we have reason to know that the friendly disposition of the 'Weekly' toward all that concerns either the Army or the Navy is equalized only by the welcome steadily accorded to it by all ranks of both Services."

THE STATE TROOPS.

THE ANNUAL INSPECTIONS.

The annual inspections of the New York National Guard for 1888, just closed, show the Guard to be, generally speaking, in a very creditable condition. With a view of saving the time of the men as much as possible, nearly all the inspections were made in the night time. The condition of clothing, trousers, etc., could have been much better determined by daylight; but the saving of time is a very important consideration, and as the inspections under the direction of Brig.-Gen. C. Schaeffer, conducted by Col. T. H. McGrath, assisted by Major A. P. Montant, G. A. Jahn and others, have been of the most thorough character, little, if anything, has escaped their practiced eyes. In the 1st Brigade the number present in the 7th, 8th, 9th, 11th, 22d and 1st Batt. show an increase, that of the 9th being the most marked, 67 men. The 11th Regt. and 1st Batt. had the least, one man each. The 12th had exactly the same number present as last year with four more absent. The 8th and 22d had also fewer absent than the previous inspection, 1887. The 7th had exactly the same number absent as before. The 11th and 69th show the largest list of absences. The total present in the whole brigade was 4,668 against 4,578 the previous year, a gain of 90. The total number of absences was 988 against 944 last year, an increase of 44. In the 2d Brigade the number present show an increase in every organization over the inspection of 1887, that of the 13th and 23d being the greatest. The total number present at inspection in the 2d Brigade was 2,760 against 2,358 last year, a gain of 402. The absences were fewer this year than last, 388 against 374 in 1887. This, with its large increase in present, makes a very creditable showing.

It is a question, however, whether the annual returns should not be further divided. Nominally, the return of the number present is supposed to show the number of men for active duty. Practically, it does not, for sick men go to the inspection in carriages; others, too faint to stand, are found in the ranks, and still others are overcome during the ceremonies. It is a question whether a list should not be made of active present and sick present. At the inspections quite a number of officers, principally lieutenants, showed ignorance of details in the inspection, such as the proper position of the sword and when to face about. These and other little omissions, while not detracting from the practical efficiency of an officer, do lessen his credit as a thoroughly instructed soldier. A few minutes' study of the tactics the evening previous would prevent some gross errors.

Regarding ceremonies there is very little to say that can be applied in a general way; for in many instances reviews have been entirely omitted, for the want of room. Where they have been had, they have not been given with unequalized companies, as should be the case of a review given before inspection. Each company should pass the officer on its own merits. Under these circumstances it would be hardly fair to criticize.

The general condition of arms throughout the State is very good. All rifles in the hands of troops are serviceable and in as good order as can be expected from their long use.

The clothing is in good condition.

Equipments, that is belt, box, and scabbard, having almost entirely been issued new during the last two years, are in excellent condition.

The knapsacks are beginning to show wear from long and continuous use, and it is only a question of a year or two when a new and more modern and serviceable one will have to be issued.

There has been a positive improvement in the general appearance of the troops, although not as marked as that of last year over the year previous it is none the less gratifying.

We are glad to note that great stress has, during the past three years, been laid by Col. McGrath on the necessity for personal neatness. He has endeavored to impress the fact, on officers and men, that the term "soldier" and "gentleman" are synonymous; that cleanliness of dress, and equipments, neat brasses, etc., are the distinctive mark of a well-trained soldier.

While the general efficiency and discipline of the New York National Guard is steadily improving, it has not yet attained that degree of excellence which we hope for. We note little improvement in military courtesy, that is as far as relates to salutes, of enlisted men to officers, in passing, or approaching them. This feature of discipline should be more positively required in armories and on parades. That it is not more carefully looked to, is only the fault of officers.

Considerable dead wood has been cut off in the 7th, 8th, and several other regiments. The inspection of arms was made by the inspecting officers usually in the daytime, so that ceremony was generally dispensed with at the assembly for inspection and much valuable time saved. The Signal Corps of the 1st and 2d Brigades were not organized in time to be included among the inspections of 1887, so they are not included in the table following. Both organizations have made a most creditable showing at the inspection just concluded. On the whole it is about the best result ever attained. There is some delay in issuing the new overcoats, and some commands were without overcoats, having turned in the old in anticipation of receiving the new. The totals of the present and absent in the 1st and 2d Brigades are as follows:

FIRST BRIGADE, BRIG.-GEN. LOUIS FITZGERALD.

	1888.		1887.	
	Present.	Absent.	Present.	Absent.
7th Regiment....	1,063	18	1,018	18
8th Regiment....	327	85	306	123
9th Regiment....	468	167	399	162
11th Regiment....	391	206	390	151
12th Regiment....	540	98	540	156
22d Regiment....	548	48	531	62
69th Regiment....	704	248	714	195
7th Regiment....	452	106	475	91
1st Batt.....	105	6	104	3
2d Batt.....	100	7	101	3
Total.....	4,668	988	4,578	944

SECOND BRIGADE, BRIG.-GEN. JAS. MCLEER.

	1888.		1887.	
	Present.	Absent.	Present.	Absent.
18th Regiment....	635	71	444	88
14th Regiment....	465	102	428	97
23d Regiment....	758	15	668	18
32d Regiment....	315	121	302	116
47th Regiment....	457	35	412	43
17th Sep. Co.....	57	4	47	6
3d Batt.....	75	5	57	6
Total.....	2,760	336	2,358	374

The total present in both brigades this year was 7,428; absent, 1,341. Last year the total present was 6,396; absent, 1,318.

In the muster roll of the Seventh regiment the following remarks were added by the Ass't. Insp. General. What seemed to be the zenith of possibility at the inspection of 1887 has been excelled. The 7th Regiment complete in its organization, perfect in discipline and military courtesy, admirable in appearance, still maintains a well-earned reputation of being the finest body of citizen soldiers in this or any other country.

Twenty-third New York.—Col. J. N. Partridge.

Cos. A and C are making arrangements to hold a joint athletic meeting at the armory in February next.

Co. C will hold a stag party at the armory on Dec. 15.

In Co. B a gold watch and chain has been offered to the member securing the most recruits during the coming year, the lowest limit to be four. A rifle club has been organized in the company.

The Rev. Dr. R. R. Meredith has accepted the position of chaplain of the 23d. Dr. Meredith served in the 153d N. Y. Volunteers during the Rebellion.

1st Lieut. G. L. Miller, formerly of the 22d N. Y., was unanimously elected 2d lieutenant of Co. D.

Forty-seventh New York.—Col. E. F. Gaynor.

The 47th N. Y. celebrated the opening of its new armory on Wednesday evening, Nov. 28, when the large building was crowded to its utmost capacity. The command paraded in the State service uniform, but with the addition of white body belts, gilt epaulets, and nickel pl'd bayonet scabbards and presented a neat appearance. The formation was made at 8:30 o'clock, the equalization being 8 commands of 16 files, and were duly turned over to the Colonel who at once brought the regiment to rear open order, for review by Brig. Genl. James McLeer, commanding the second brigade, attended by his staff, consisting of Lieut. Col. Frothingham, Majors Jahn, Fox, Lyman, Saenger; Captains Leigh and Amon. The manual as a whole was fairly done. During the review in line, the men were very steady; as Gen. McLeer passed the colors he saluted in becoming style, but the members of his staff should have also saluted the colors, instead of passing them without recognition. The passage was well done; salutes of officers with one exception good; distances and alignments very good, and rear rank well closed up. After wheeling into line, the marksman's badge for the season of 1888 were presented to the 153 winners in a prompt manner; two lines were established by markers, and all men who had qualified for two years or more assembled on the first, and the one year men on the second. The Dakin prize for the man making the highest score at the first general practice was presented by ex-chaplain Maynard who made some well chosen remarks. Sergt. R. H. Smith of Co. K, was the winner on the score of 36 points. Private C. C. Meyer made the highest score in the regiment during the year (45 points), but as it was not done at the specified time, he was not entitled to the badge, although it was presented to him at first by mistake. The Strong medal was presented to Private A. W. Winkler, Co. F. The command was then marched off; details reported to their own companies and dress parade followed, Lieut. Col. Benson being in command. The companies formed line in good style, the manual by companies was well executed with the exception of a little irregularity in two companies. The report of the 1st Sergeants was made in good style, and the whole ceremony was nicely conducted throughout. The regiment was dismissed, and a short band concert was pleasantly rendered, after which dancing occupied the remainder of the time. The regiment has every reason to be proud of its enlarged armory, and they will doubtless profit by it. It is 200x300 ft., the second largest in the State, that of the Seventh Regiment of New York being the largest. The rifle range, 180 feet long, is also unequalled by any in comfort and accommodation, and is nightly occupied by companies after their drills, and the results may be seen by comparing the rifle practice records at Creedmoor of this and former years. The regiment was never in a better condition than it is to-day.

Co. A, and the DeLong council No. 725 Royal Arcanum, will have a joint reception at the Armory on Dec. 13.

The veterans of the 47th have started a project to purchase a house for the widow of General W. H. Brownell, who it is well known, died comparatively a poor man.

The annual reception of Co. D, will be held on Monday evening, Jan. 7th, 1889.

Co. E, will hold a reception at the Armory on Saturday evening, Dec. 29.

Sixty-ninth New York.—Col. Jas. Cavanagh.

The 69th N. Y. assembled in the armory for drill in the school of the battalion on Tuesday, Nov. 27. The companies were formed in the main drill hall, and at 1st sergeant's call a few of the sergeants were slow in responding. Some sergeants wait until they call the rolls before responding. They should turn over the companies to the next sergeant and the captains should not take charge of their companies until they are turned over by the sergeants. The regiment was quickly formed and turned over to the commander. In the formation some of the companies were brought to support before the command front was given. The command was exercised in the manual of arms, which was fairly done. As this was a battalion drill, the officers should appear in undress sack, and the sword belt under the sack. One officer paraded in full dress coat, some officers

wore their sword belts under their sacks and some on the outside, and a few officers appeared without gloves. There is nothing like uniformity of dress on parades or drills. After the command was dismissed it was reformed for dress parade. In the 1st sergeant's call some of the sergeants reported with bayonets unfixed and others with fixed bayonets. They should report with bayonets fixed. After the dress parade the regiment was drilled in the school of the battalion, for which the companies should have been equalized. The companies in marching in column of fours did not keep their proper distance on account of the limited drill space. The movement to the left close column of division was fairly done. In marching by divisions from column of fours, when the first division changed direction to the left, the chief of that division gave the command fours left march, but as he was to continue the march he should have added, forward, guide left, which was neglected by some of the other division commanders. On the fifth division close in, all the guides of the divisions except the fifth faced about to cover the guide of the fifth division when the divisions were dressed and brought to support arms. The command guides about face should precede that to carry arms, and in marching in column of fours the left sergeant of the battalion should march in the column and not in the file closers. This was the first drill of the season, and there were about 400 men in line, not half the number on the rolls. Better results would follow if the command was drilled by wings, as the drill room is not large enough to drill a large regiment. There was good order in the ranks, but entirely too many men who reported after the regiment had been formed.

Seventh New York.—Col. Emmons Clark.

G. O. No. 18 is as follows:

"A Delinquency Court for enlisted men will be held at the armory, Monday, Dec. 17, at 8 o'clock p.m. Major Wm. H. Kipp has been appointed president of the court.

The resignations of Capts. Andrew Mills and Harry D. Cooper, and of 1st Lieuts. John A. Tuckberry and Frank Pawling have been accepted, and they have been honorably discharged. Capt. Henry S. Steele has, upon his own request, been placed upon the ret red list. The loy, faithful and distinguished services of these officers deserve special notice and commendation, and their loyalty to the interests and welfare of this regiment will be gratefully remembered.

1st Lieut. Austin E. Allen having been elected captain, Co. D (rank Nov. 20, 1888), vice Cooper, resigned; 2d Lieut. Chas. E. Lyd clark having been elected captain, Co. H (rank Nov. 21, 1888), vice Mills, resigned; 1st Lieut. Daniel A. Neppit having been elected captain, Co. B (rank Nov. 22, 1888), vice Steele, retired; and 1st Supt. Harry E. Zittel having been elected 2d Lieut., Co. E (rank Oct. 16, 1888), vice Bradley, resigned, they will be respected and obeyed accordingly.

The following non-commissioned officers have passed the Board of Examination and received their warrants: Sergt. A. M. Hearn; L. C. Connolly; James Kidney; John A. B. Stillings; Corps. M. Crane; E. B. Fernald; O. H. Blackmar and H. S. Bartow.

The following members of the Ambulance Corps of this regiment having passed the prescribed examination in accordance with G. O. No. 36, series of 1887, A. G. O. will be permitted to wear at all times the distinctive badge of the Ambulance Corps of the State as an indication of special fitness to aid the sick and injured under urgent circumstances, viz.: Co. A—Prts. A. C. Chenoweth, W. A. Preach, W. E. Ward; Co. B—Corpl. J. H. Clark, Pvt. A. L. Cort, F. G. Du Bois; Co. C—Pvt. G. R. Burns; Co. D—Pvt. C. E. Mitchell; Co. E—Pvt. A. T. Moore, A. E. Wood; Co. F—Pvt. J. D. Foot, E. P. Jessup, F. S. Kennedy; Co. G—Pvt. E. B. Carter, John Laipheber, Jr., E. S. Young; Co. H—Pvt. E. W. Fish, C. B. Little, J. W. Salter, Jr.; Co. I—Pvt. Edgar Davidson, G. E. Molleson, E. L. Montgomery; Co. K—Pvt. J. Bleeker, Jr., W. S. Willis."

Ninth New York.—Col. W. Seward, Jr.

In his annual report for 1887 the 1st Regt. says of the 9th N. Y.: "In its present condition it is not reliable, and unless a change is made it would be wise economy to disband the regiment." It was to this that Gen. Fitzgerald referred in the remarks which we quoted last week, but since the inspection referred to the 9th has been running steadily and the inspection of this year showed much better results, its gain in numbers present (99) and in the aggregate (74) exceeding that of any other regiment in the brigade. It has a history, which is greater to its credit, being the only regiment now in service in New York City which served in the war for three years, or during the war. It recruited 2,300 men and fought in all the battles of the Army of the Potomac, marching in line with the Regular troops on the last anniversary of Gettysburg and winning many commendations for its excellent appearance. The weak point of the 9th is the insufficient number of line officers, but this is being remedied.

NEW JERSEY.

By S. O. No. 12, Jersey City, Nov. 26, 1888, a G. C. M. is appointed, for the trial of officers of the 1st N. J. Brigade of the rank of captain, or under that rank, who are charged with military offenses. Detail: Lieut.-Col. Ebenezer W. Davis, Major Edwin Hoyt, Major Hugh H. Abernethy, Jr., Capt. Abram D. Campbell, Capt. Robert H. Fordyce, Capt. Wm. H. Latimer, Capt. Lewis R. McCulloch, Major John E. Hartley, Judge Advocate. The Court will convene on Wednesday, Dec. 12, 1888, at the Headquarters of the 1st Regt., N. G. N. J., Newark, N. J., at 8 o'clock p.m. The General Court-martial appointed under S. O. No. 6, of which Lieut.-Col. P. Farmer Wanzer, 4th Regt., N. G. N. J., is president, is dissolved.

The annual dinner given by Major General J. W. Plume, N. G. S. N. J., took place on Monday evening, in the Moorish room at the Hoffman House. There were present General Plume's entire staff and these officers and gentlemen, all of whom made speeches:—Governor Green and ex Governor Abbott, of New Jersey; General Fitzgerald, General Steele, Major Jackson, U. S. A.; Colonel Watson, Fourth Connecticut; Colonels Campbell, Dickinson, Heppenheimer and Harvey, of New Jersey; Senator Cranmer and Captain Ferdinand P. Earle, of the Second New York Battery.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Adjutant General Hastings and Brigadier General Gobin were in Washington last week arranging quarters for the Pennsylvania troops. Nearly all the Philadelphia organizations have already secured quarters and the difficulty is to arrange for the country troops. It seems to be definitely settled that the division will leave for Washington on Saturday night and remain until Monday evening, when they will be transported home.

(Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal.)

ILLINOIS NATIONAL GUARD.

The sixth annual session of the National Guard Association of Illinois, held in Chicago, Nov. 21 and 22, proved decided success. About 100 officers of the Guard were in attendance, including all of the colonels.

In addition to the proceedings reported last week, papers were read by Lieut.-Col. P. E. Koch, of 1st Regt., and Capt. LeRoy Steward, of the 2d.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted in the re-election of the old officers, with the exception of the secretary, in whose stead Capt. Le Roy Steward, 2d Inf., was chosen.

The association adjourned to meet in the city of Springfield in October next.

Under date of Oct. 18, Orders No. 40, 2d Illinois, Col. Harris A. Wheeler, authorized the resumption until March 1 of recruiting. Companies will be limited to a strength of 80 men, and in the future all recruits will be obliged to pass a physical examination, which fixes the minimum height at 5 ft. 7 in. and weight at 130 pounds.

The band rehearsals, held each Tuesday morning at the armory, are appreciated by the lovers of good music, as is attested by the presence of a large number of visitors.

The officers' and non-commissioned officers' schools will shortly resume their sessions and the command be busily engaged in the winter's work.

Capt. James Halloran, 12th U. S. Inf., reports upon the camp of the Illinois N. G., near Springfield, named Camp Lincoln. It is 180 acres, and one of the most picturesque camps to be found in the country, well supplied with water, lighted by electricity, surrounded by a substantial picket fence and having a swimming pool 175 by 100 feet, from which ice is taken during the winter for the camp. The rifle range is one of the best in the country, and its construction reflects great credit upon the inspector-general of rifle practice under whose direction it was built. There are 20 targets, and telephone connection between the 200 and 500 yards firing points and the pit. The force numbers 4,000 officers and men; the arm is the Springfield 45. The inspection showed the following results:

Arms in good condition in 2d and 5th Regiments and Batteries A and D; fair in 1st, 3d, 4th and 6th; filthy in 8th.

Accoutrements good in 2d, and Bats. A and D; neglected in 1st, 3d, 5th and 6th Regts.; filthy in the 8th.

Marchings and wheelings good in 1st and 2d; fair in 3d, 5th and 6th; ragged in 4th, and wretched in 8th.

Distances well kept in 1st and 2d; fair in 3d, 5th and 6th; poor in 4th.

Policing good in 2d and 5th; bad in 8th.

Formation prompt in 1st, 2d and 5th; slow in 3d and 4th, and very slow in 8th.

In the review of the 4th, the colonel appeared with his trousers stuffed into his boots.

The acting adjutant of the 2d and the adjutant of the 1st are especially commended for efficiency. Company movements and skirmish drill were well executed in the 2d, and battalion and company drills in the 5th. Cos. C of the 2d, and D and E of the 4th are especially commended. All of the regiments, except the 8th, showed improvement towards the close of the camp. The material of the 8th is equal to that of the other regiments, but the officers are inferior. Guard duty is neglected by the troops. The best guard duty was done by the 2d, and the next best by the 5th Regiment. In one instance, most of the guard had gone off to play base ball. For all this the blame rests with the regimental and company commanders, and Capt. Halloran says:

I would earnestly recommend that thorough instruction in guard duty shall be given in the armories; that guard mounting be held and sentinels be posted and questioned. As a prelude to this, officers should be required to recite and be practiced upon the duties of guards and sentinels. Inspectors should, when making their tour, require the commands to exhibit their knowledge of these duties, as they are probably the most important that appertains to a soldier's duty. The short tour of camp duty permitted the National Guard is not sufficient to give them thorough instruction in this matter. I would also recommend that a guardhouse be erected, with a prison attached. In a suitable building reliefs could be instructed in their duties before being posted, the guard could be kept together, and the men could rest without suffering from the heat of a summer sun.

Discipline was fairly good. There was too much familiarity between the officers and men. I noticed daily, enlisted men in and about the officers' tents, and officers sitting with men in the company streets or in their tents. To drink and smoke with them will not increase the discipline of a company or insure that respect which is indispensable to a well-regulated command. Good discipline requires that while on duty the social equality of civil life should give way to the distinctions of the military system. Officers should not mess with their men. Measures are often discussed by the enlisted men at table with a freedom injurious to discipline. If regimental messes cannot be established, then the officers should have their meals before or after the enlisted men.

There was not sufficient attention paid to military courtesy. Men seldom saluted officers. Men would salute while smoking, others while sitting, and but few thought of buttoning the blouse on standing to attention.

The State has for its Inspector-General of Rifle Practice one of the most competent and energetic officers to be found anywhere. The patience and interest shown by him in instructing the officers and men in the use of the rifle is deserving of the highest commendation. Each regiment has an inspector of rifle practice, who assisted the Inspector-General in his labors. Company officers, as a rule, were but of little value as instructors of their men, not having had either theoretical or practical knowledge of the work. Two companies were sent to the range each morning and two in the afternoon. The system of scoring is different from that of the Army.

The personnel is excellent, the officers intelligent and fairly up in the tactics, but lacking in guard and sentry duty, though sincerely desirous to learn. Field officers should be required to drill under their colonels as instructors. More attention should be paid to setting-up exercises.

"Upon the whole," Capt. Halloran concludes, "I am prepared to say that the National Guard of Illinois is as well equipped and in as fair a state of drill and discipline as many in the older States. It is a splendid body of men, deserving the respect and support of the people of the great State of Illinois."

Chaplain Tolman, of the 12th N. Y., has offered a prize of \$25 to the member of each company in the regiment who recruits the largest number of men to April 30, 1889, and \$50 to the member of the regiment who shall recruit the largest number.

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GEORGIA AND SOUTH CAROLINA.

COLUMBUS, GA., Nov. 25, 1888.

The Interstate Competitive Drill, held in this city during the past week, while insignificant in point of number of participants, was a success in a military sense. It was a feature of the Chattahoochee Valley Exposition, an enterprise designed to give the outside world a knowledge of the many commercial and industrial achievements and aspirations of the people of the commonly unknown western section of the great State of Georgia. The Exposition, not yet closed, is an assured success; it has already demonstrated the fact that Columbus is a growing and enterprising city and fully able to "tote her own skillet." Her cotton factories—one employing over 1,800 operatives—and other enterprises indicate substantial advances within recent years.

The exercises and for which prizes were offered, embraced competitions in company manoeuvres, the squad and individual drills. The entries were few, but they included only such troops as belonged to the duly enrolled forces of the States. No independent or nondescript organization was permitted to participate. The management should be congratulated on taking this stand. The step, if followed by other managers, will tend to do away with the "play soldier" and the "heavy dragoon," who "first puts his uniform on" and parades for parade's sake alone. It will exclude the acrobatic and fantastic zouave, whose cat-like gyrations will be sorely missed by babes and maidens.

The following organizations were present: Columbus Guards, Columbus; Southern Cadets, Macon; Fort Gaines Guards, Georgia; Brunswick Rifles, Brunswick; Atlantic Band and Drum Corp., Brunswick; Butler Rifles, Greenville, Ala.; Wm. R. Rifles, Columbia, Tenn.; the 2d U. S. Artillery Band.

A commendable feature of the competition was the squad drill contest, never before had, save at Nashville in May last. If the marked success attained at Columbus is taken as a means of judging, the former's effort was not in vain. The Southern Cadets, it was learned, directly after the Nashville drill, where they were roughly scored for a total neglect of squad drill, devoted days and weeks to it. They were well rewarded for their pains, not so much by winning first prize in this class as in presenting, as it appears from the judges' report, a fairly well set-up company.

Other managements should make this matter one of same significance in their future drills. It is to be regretted that "skirmish drill" was not made a part of the exercises. It should be made an indispensable feature of military competitions; even to the novice it is not understood why the judges may not rightly demand its introduction and impose such rules as will insure the study and practice of the exercise. The judges say: "The State troops should be given opportunities for firing blank and ball cartridges that they may thereby acquire a knowledge of the possibilities and practical uses of the rifle. Success depends upon the power to hit effectively. This is the ultimate aim to be attained. Rifle practice can be made a beneficial feature of all competitive drills and State encampments."

The following was announced as the relative order of merit of competing organizations, together with the awards:

Company Competition.—1. Southern Cadets, \$1,000; 2. Witt Rifles, \$500; 3. Columbus Guards, silk flag; 4. Butler Rifles.

Squad Drill.—1. Southern Cadets, silk flag; 2. Witt Rifles. Columbus Guards and Butler Rifles deficient.

Individual Drill.—1. Corporal W. S. Williams, Witt Rifles, gold badge.

The Southern Cadets made a fine showing in the company drill. Their evolutions were evenly and well executed, despite a few errors of the captain, and what appeared to be a lack of information on the part of the lieutenants as to their proper duties during platoon manoeuvres. There was observed some irregularity in the execution of the manual, particularly when on the march. Their inspection was admirable; their soldiers bearing very good.

The Witt Rifles appeared the poorest from the start, but were handicapped by an apparent neglect of practice on the school of the soldier. Their inspection was said to be very poor; their pieces being rusty and oily. The evolutions were poorly executed, however. A few blunders occurred which injured their drill. The Columbus Guards, while a very good organization, suffered from several serious errors of the captain who seemingly lost his head at times. Their inspection was very poor; their soldiers bearing superior to the Witts. Even the spectators did not lose sight of an unilitary practice in this company, viz., the stamping of the feet upon halting.

The judges' report as to the drill of the Butler Rifles is full of severe criticism. As to their inspection, the following extract speaks plainly: "The pieces of the other commands, excepting the Southern Cadets, were rusty, dirty and oily, and their accoutrements uncared for. Those of the Butler Rifles were particularly so, showing a neglect which the judges cannot too severely criticize." The appearance of this company was much against it. The set-up was miserable. The manual and evolutions were raggedly executed.

The judges touch upon a practice in some companies of a refusal to reply when spoken to by an inspector, saying: "The failure of the files in rank to answer questions put to them by the inspector is unwarranted. Silence in the ranks is expected, but not that stupid silence which denies an answer to a question from an inspector."

The squad drills of the Southern Cadets and Witt Rifles were very good; those of the other commands could scarcely be classed as squad drills. They were simple company evolutions with a set of fours.

In the competitive drill at Charleston, S. C., the prizes were won by the companies given, with the percentages named:

First prize (\$7.00), German Fuzileers, Capt. Klatte.

Second prize (\$6.07), Carrollton Rifles, Lieut. F. J. Devereux.

Third prize (\$6.03), Sumter Guards, Capt. Simeon Hyde.

Fourth prize (\$6.03), Washington Light Infantry, Lieut. Julius C. Von Santen.

Fifth prize (\$5.07), Palmetto Guard.

The cash prizes were \$500 and \$300, and were awarded to the companies standing first and second.

Lieut. Elliott returned to Columbia the morning following the drill, and remained in the city until Saturday.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The working drawings for the new South Armory, to be built in Boston, and to be occupied by several regiments, are now completed, and are in the hands of the contractors for estimates. The building is divided into three general sections: First, a rectangular headhouse, 70x100 feet, three stories high, with tower. Second, a drill shed in the rear of the headhouse, 130x300 feet long, one story high, with pitched roof. Third, in the rear of the whole, a rear shed of irregular shape, 130 feet wide by about 134 feet long "over all." The design of the exterior suggests a fortified citadel, with its embrasures, merlons, sallyport, etc., but is also calculated to resist attack.

It is said that Colonel Greene, 6th Infantry, is to be a candidate for the position of brigadier-general, to be made vacant shortly by the resignation of Gen. Nat. Wales.

Thanksgiving Day was largely celebrated among the military of this State in rifle practice.

G. O. No. 14, A. G. O., announces the awards of trophies for the State rifle matches at South Framingham, Sept. 25. In recognition of the excellent work of the Creedmoor team of 1888, which retained for Massachusetts both the Hilton and Inter-State Trophies, it is ordered that medals be given to the members of the team who served for the first time, and to the remainder an "1888" bar for the medals heretofore given. The 2d Regt. of Infantry, by virtue of winning the 1st Company Team Prize by a company of that command, will retain the tri-color on their colors for the year 1889.

The 11th annual reunion of the Association of the 49th Mass. Vol. will be held at the United States Hotel, Brach Street, Boston, on Thursday, Dec. 6. The business meeting will be called to order at 4 o'clock, and dinner will be served at 6 p. m., sharp. Tickets, \$2.

VARIOS.

Co. K, 14th N. Y., at its weekly drills devotes a portion of the evening to the bayonet exercise.

Bandmaster Innes, of the 13th N. Y., will give a concert at the Academy of Music, Brooklyn, N. Y., on Dec. 13.

The 65th Regt., of Buffalo, N. Y., has received 450 of the new regulation overcoats.

Co. B, 10th Battalion, N. Y., of Albany, has formed an indoor rifle team.

Proposals for the erection of the new armory for the 22d N. Y. will shortly be advertised for, on the site selected some four years ago on the block bounded by 6th and 6th streets, the Boulevard and 9th avenue. The drill floor will be 175x25 feet. The company assembly rooms will open on the main floor and there will be a separate dressing room, containing the most improved system of lockers and many other novel and useful features, which will make the structure the finest of its kind. Capt. J. P. Leo, the architect, has given great study in the preparation of the plans.

Co. F, 22d N. Y., on Nov. 27 shot the final competition for the non-commissioned officers' medal. Sergt. M. E. Burton has now won it finally.

The Regimental Athletic Association of the 22d N. Y. has elected the following officers: President, Lieut. W. N. Barber, Co. B; vice president, Corp. L. Hanneman, Co. B; secretary, Corp. Bailey, Co. H; treasurer, Lieut. L. M. Murray, Co. C.

R. G. English, formerly of the 22d N. Y., has been elected 1st lieutenant of Co. D, 11th N. Y.

Sergt. W. B. Dawson, Co. D, 9th N. Y., has been appointed quartermaster-sergeant of the company.

Co. G, 9th N. Y., Capt. Wilcock, will hold a reception at the armory some time in January next and a company of the Regular Army, it is expected, will be present as guests and will also give an exhibition drill.

A. Gallup, formerly connected with the New York Hussars, has been appointed captain of the Signal Corps, 1st Brigade, N. Y.

Lieut. L. G. Briggs, of Co. K, 12th N. Y., has resigned.

Henry A. Ely, formerly a captain in the 9th Regiment, some time ago, before a regimental court-martial, on charges of conduct unbecoming an officer, was found guilty and dismissed from the National Guard. The case came up in the General Term of the Supreme Court Nov. 23 on a writ of certiorari. The ex-captain claimed that the court-martial had no power to expel him from the regiment, but the judges of the Supreme Court held a different view and affirmed the decision of the military court.

The Glens Falls Times says Capt. J. S. Garrett, the able commandant of the 18th Sep. Co., N. Y., is to be congratulated for the good work he is accomplishing. The company deserves better quarters.

The Old Guard will hold its annual ball at the Metropolitan Opera House, New York, on Jan. 24 next, and will be, as usual, one of the great social events of the season.

The Burlington Free Press says: "Gov. Dillingham has appointed Dr. W. S. Webb of Shelburn, inspector of rifle practice of the National Guard of Vermont, with the rank of colonel. With a military education of some nine years, and a natural taste for marksmanship, Col. Webb is admirably fitted to perform the duties of this office. He has manifested much interest in the National Guard of Vermont since he became a resident of this State and it is understood that he will accept the appointment. And with a permanent camp, at Essex Junction, and a first-class rifle range thereon and with the improved Springfield in their hands, the National Guard of Vermont should soon be on a par with the best citizen soldiery in the country, as far as marksmanship is concerned." Col. Webb is a brother of Gen. Alex. H. Webb.

In the alteration of the armory of the 32d New York, provision for the rifle gallery was not made in the appropriation and the Board of Supervisors will be requested to furnish the necessary amount. In the construction of the range several features of the 12th N. Y. range have been adopted.

Elaborate preparation is being made for the Christmas celebration of the 23d N. Y., which takes place Wednesday, Dec. 23, next. It is an affair of the enlisted men.

Sergt. J. P. Mulford, Co. E, 23d N. Y., has been appointed first sergeant of that company. A rifle club has been organized in the regiment, and, aside from regular practice, prize meetings will be held. The officers of the club are Colonel J. N. Partridge, President; Capt. H. C. Brown, Vice President; Comy. Sergt. W. B. Despard, Secretary; Capt. J. S. Shepherd, Treasurer. The regiment has qualified 548 marksmen at Creedmoor this season, which is 92 more than last year.

The cadet corps of the 32d N. Y., Colored Finkelman, contains a number of promising recruits. The corps is in charge of Major Verdeckberg, and has some 60 members. They have adopted a special uniform, but have not yet been supplied with it. The non-commissioned officers of the 32d are drilled every Tuesday evening in the armory in the duties of their positions by Major Verdeckberg.

Quite a number of members of the 13th N. Y. have signed a petition against the adoption of a new uniform with white trimmings for full dress—which is merely the present State uniform, with the difference in the trimmings.

The Signal Corps, 1st N. Y. Brigade, held its first annual inspection and muster at its armory, Broadway and 45th street, on Monday last, Nov. 26, with Major Stanton, Signal Officer, 1st Brigade, in command, Colonel McGrath and Major Montant being the inspecting officers. The manual was excellent, the signal men showing that the instruction imparted by Sergeant Thompson had not been wasted, and the corps received the warm commendation of the inspectors. Uniforms and equipments were found in excellent condition. At the request of the inspecting officers, two signal stations were then opened, two men on each station, and a message of 40 letters, timed by Lieut. W. R. Hamilton, 5th U. S. Artillery, was sent in 1 minute and 31 seconds. Lieut. Hamilton expressed his delight at the capabilities of the corps, and said that this was the fastest message he had ever seen transmitted. Col. McGrath, Assistant Inspector-General, S. N. Y., mustered the corps—90 present, 5 absent.

The National Guard Association of the State of New York, of which Gen. Peter C. Doyle of Buffalo is president and Col. A. B. Lawrence of Warsaw is recording secretary, will begin its eleventh annual session at Albany on Jan. 18, 1889.

The Chronicle, of Augusta, Ga., referring to the successful tour of Cappa's 7th Regt., N. Y., famous Band, says: "One moment, Messieurs Directors of the exposition! The people cannot do without Mr. Cappa. He is an institution. It is no secret that Augusta is in love with Cappa. He does not conceal his affection for Augusta. The finest music yet given in the South, and we do not except the Mexican Band with its two leaders in New Orleans, is this orchestra of the 7th Regt. Band."

The companies of the 12th N. Y. are given commands by the bugle, a portion of the evening, at their weekly drill.

The athletic games of the 7th N. Y., which take place this evening (Dec. 9) will be very interesting.

On Thanksgiving Day the 2d Battery, Capt. F. P. Earle, went to Creedmoor for their annual shoot. Ex-Capt. L. T. Baker, C. J. Doran and H. Norden were the winners in the honorary members match. The champion match was won by G. H. Kelly. The prize winners in the revolver match were E. C. Webb and S. D. Coburn. The other prize winners were C. E. Morse, J. W. Goodsell, R. N. Mackin, E. C. Webb, H. J. Jordan and J. L. Lutty. A leather medal was presented to the man making the lowest score. At the conclusion of the shooting a good dinner was enjoyed at a hotel near by. The prizes were presented at the armory in the evening.

It is not yet settled that the 13th N. Y. will attend the inauguration. A committee is now considering arrangements. The command will probably leave for Wash-

ington Sunday evening, March 8. The 1st Battery, Capt. L. Wendel, have also the matter under consideration.

The resignation of Lieut. J. E. Schermerhorn, Co. K, 7th, and Lieut. W. W. Chilton, Co. K, 7th, have been received at brigade headquarters.

A. B. Porter has been elected captain of Co. I, 7th N. Y.

Lieut. W. R. Hamilton, 6th U. S. Art., will deliver a series of lectures to the officers of the 2d N. Y. Brigade on Saturday evenings, Dec. 8, 15, 22, 29, commencing at 8 o'clock. The subjects will be marches, transportation by rail and water, military roads, bridges, camps, bivouacs, etc., grand guards and outpost duty, reconnaissance and military plotting, municipal strategy, riots, use and abuse of high explosives, elementary military engineering, as applied to field works, barricades, intrenchments, etc.

REVENUE MARINE SERVICE.

The Secretary of the Navy in his annual report says:

The arduous and steady work of the revenue cutters has been faithfully and successfully conducted by the officers of this service during the past year, and the only drawback to a large increase in the record of duty performed has been the disabled condition of some of the vessels which require replacement and more extensive repairs than the funds now available will allow.

The following is the record of regular duty for the year ended June 30, 1888:

Aggregate number of miles cruised by vessels...	\$33,311
Number of merchant vessels boarded and examined...	25,552
Number of merchant vessels found violating law in some particular and seized or reported to proper authorities...	1,025
Fines and penalties incurred by vessels so seized or reported...	\$311,844.00
Number of vessels in distress assisted...	528
Value of vessels and their cargoes imperiled by the sea to which assistance was rendered...	\$7,328,793.00
Number of persons on board vessels assisted...	4,911

Sixty persons were picked out of the water and saved from drowning.

The steamers *Rush* and *Bear* cruised during the summer in the vicinity of the Pribilof Islands without encountering any vessels in that part of the Bering Sea engaged in the unlawful killing of seals. In their visits to other parts of the Territory of Alaska, the proper maintenance of the customs regulations of the United States was investigated and enforced.

Substantial aid was given by these vessels at the various points at which they touched to shipwrecked seamen, destitute miners and explorers and to the natives of the Territory; medical attendance being frequently afforded, which could be obtained from no other source.

Capt. Shepard brought down to San Francisco in the *Rush* 31 persons whose removal from the exposed situations in which they were placed was a matter of necessity or humanity.

The *Bear*, under the command of Capt. Healy, went as far north as Point Barrow, and at that place took on board 160 persons, being the officers and crews of the whaling bark *Fleetwing*, *Mary* and *Susan* and *Young Phant* and the schooners *Jane Gray* and *Ino*, that had been wrecked in a violent gale. Some of these unfortunate seamen were transferred to other vessels of the whaling fleet, but 108 were conveyed by the *Bear* to San Francisco.

The great danger attending whaling in the Arctic, on the west coast of this country, should lead the United States to render all the assistance in its power to shipwrecked mariners in those regions.

Much assistance could be afforded by a staunch revenue steamer cruising along the coast each year during the whaling season. This duty, as well as any emergent service, cannot be met by the *Bear* in her present condition, and provision of \$25,000 to strengthen and repair this vessel is recommended.

Material assistance has been given, as customary, by the

GENERAL SIR HENRY WYLIE NORMAN, G. C. B., G. C. M. G., a distinguished British soldier, now Governor of Jamaica, has been selected for the more important position of Governor of Queensland.

THE Epoch of Montevideo states that a syndicate of French capitalists is projecting the construction of a monster railway, which is to start from Montevideo, to traverse parts of Brazil, Paraguay, and Bolivia, and end at the mouth of the Amazon, with a branch running towards the Pacific. A French engineer estimates its cost at one milliard of francs. The province of Minas Geraes, one of the most extensive in Brazil, and by far the most populous, having more than three millions of inhabitants, almost a quarter of the total population of the empire, has no means of communication with the sea. Lines are in course of construction which will connect the principal districts of the province with the ocean ports.

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officers and vessels of this service to the Life Saving Service. The distance cruised while performing this duty aggregated 13,045 miles.

The expenditures of the Revenue Cutter Service for the year 1888 were about \$912,000.

Military Order of the Loyal Legion.

The New York Commandery met at the Metropolitan Hotel on Wednesday evening, Dec. 5. In the absence of the Commander, Major-Gen. Schofield, Senior Vice Commander W. C. Church presided. The gentlemen whose names were published in the JOURNAL of Nov. 24 were elected companions, with the exception of one who was found ineligible, bringing the total membership of the New York Commandery up to 708. On motion of Gen. Wager Swayne, the Senior Vice-Commander, presiding, and the Recorder were instructed to write to Gen. W. T. Sherman, expressing the sympathy of the Commandery with him in his bereavement. It was voted that a committee of five be appointed by the chairman to take into consideration the question of providing permanent quarters for the Commandery. A committee was appointed to attend the funeral of General

Romeyn B. Ayres. After the business meeting, over 300 members of the Commandery and invited guests sat down to dinner, the venerable Gen. Hannibal Day, who has just been installed a member, occupying the place of honor on the right of the presiding officer. Gen. H. L. Burnett, who was Judge Advocate at the time of the trial of the conspirators concerned in the assassination of President Lincoln, read an interesting historical paper describing the circumstances of the conspiracy and trial of the conspirators, and especially defending Gen. Hancock from the accusations cast upon him in connection with the execution of Mrs. Surratt. The guilt of Mrs. Surratt was conclusively demonstrated by Gen. Burnett. As showing the misrepresentations concerning the trial, he stated that he was himself pointed out in Cincinnati as the man who hung Mrs. Surratt with his own hands, and came down from the scaffold afterwards with a smile upon his face. The gathering was a very notable one in numbers, as well as in the character of its members, and gave abundant evidence that the interest in the Order is on the increase. Twenty-nine applications for membership are already on file for consideration at the next meeting.

At a meeting of the Wisconsin Commandery, held at Milwaukee, Dec. 5, Lieuts. R. L. Gove and J. D. McCoy, U. S. V., were balloted for. The Commandery is flourishing.

At a meeting of the California Commandery, to be held Dec. 22, the following will be balloted for: G. H. Dimel, formerly Captain and M. S. K., U. S. A.; G. H. Gamble, formerly Captain, 9th U. S. Cav.; Commander Nicoll Ludlow, U. S. N.; Commander F. A. Cook, U. S. N.; Capt. W. T. Seward, U. S. V.; Capt. C. E. Munn, Asst. Surgeon, U. S. A.; Lieut. C. S. Lindsay, U. S. V.; Nigel D'Oyley, formerly Acting Master, U. S. N., and W. H. McKittick. Among recent transfers to the Commandery is Brevet Lieut.-Col. James Forney, U. S. Marine Corps.

At a meeting of the Minnesota Commandery, held at St. Paul, Dec. 5, the following were balloted for: Capt. G. W. Hardacre, U. S. V.; Lieuts. D. P. Vail and E. E. Hudson, U. S. V., and Seymour Van Cleve, eldest son of Gen. H. P. Van Cleve. An interesting paper, entitled "The Loyal Legion," was read by Col. J. H. Howe, Past Commander of the Wisconsin Commandery. The Minnesota Commandery is doing splendidly. The Minnesota Historical Society has offered to the Commandery a place of deposit in its rooms for books, documents, pictures, relics, etc., to be known as the "Loyal Legion Collection," and the offer having been accepted, the following have been appointed a Library Committee: Col. Hans Matson, Secretary of State, St. Paul; Col. Jas. Gilligan, Chief Justice Supreme Court, St. Paul, and Gen. Edwin C. Mason, U. S. A., Fort Snelling.

At a meeting of the Maine Commandery, held at Portland, Me., Dec. 5, the following were balloted for: Capt. C. C.

Cusick, 22d U. S. Inf., and Messrs. Howard Corning, G. H. Brickett, and J. S. Hyde. A paper on "My Experience at Gettysburg in 1863 and 1868," was read by Lieut. C. W. Roberts.

There is to be published under the direction of Registrar-in-Chief Albert Ordway, a Register of the entire membership of the Order. The price will be \$2, and subscriptions will be received by the Recorders of Commanderies, and the amount forwarded to the Recorder-in-Chief.

The total membership of the Loyal Legion, Oct. 31, 1888, was 5,250, a gain of 66 between July 31 and Oct. 31.

A state meeting of the Ohio Commandery was held Dec. 5, at which there was a large attendance. Col. Moses M. Granger, late a Judge of the Supreme Court of Ohio, read a paper on the "Battle of Cedar Creek," and there were brief addresses by prominent members, and the usual old Army songs which give so much enjoyment at all gatherings of Loyal Legionaries.

The Missouri Commandery held a meeting, Dec. 1, at the Lindell Hotel, St. Louis, which was well attended. After the regular business session Gen. John W. Noble read a paper on his recollections of the battle of Pea Ridge.

THE THETIS.

AFTER an absence of over seven months in the Arctic and Beiring Seas, the U. S. S. *Thetis* returned to San Francisco, Nov. 25. Her last port of departure was Esquimalt, which she left on Nov. 21, thus being four days on the passage. Heavy weather, with a nasty cross-sea, marked the passage down. Notwithstanding her long absence, her battles with the ice and stormy weather, the *Thetis* looked comparatively clean and neat on entering port. Lieut.-Comdr. W. H. Emory is in command, and looks well and hearty, as of yore, while his crew is in excellent health, in spite of the hardships they have endured. To the *Thetis* and her crew is due the credit of saving the whaling schooner *Jane Gray*, which was abandoned in the terrible gale off Point Barrow on August 8 last, which caused the loss of four other whalers, the *Fleetwing*, *Mary* and *Susan*, *Young Phoenix* and *Ino*.

At Esquimalt the following address was presented to Capt. Emory, saying: "It becomes our pleasing duty to convey to you the warmest thanks of the clergy and people of the Diocese of Vancouver Island for the Christian kindness and noble courtesy displayed by you in bringing the mortal remains of our beloved prelate, the late Archbishop Seghers, from a desolate wild upwards of 2,000 miles away, to their final resting place in the home of His Grace, and of his faithful flock. We cannot sufficiently express our esteem for yourself, by whose efforts this great service has been accomplished; nor can we allow the occasion to pass without expressing our regard for the great nation whose officer you are. We beg to present you with His Grace's likeness noted with the dates of his birth, career and tragic end; and we pray that in reward for the gracious act which calls forth our thankfulness, God's blessing be upon your undertakings, and that you may be granted long life, honor and promotion in your country's service. Your grateful servant, J. N. Lemmens, Bishop of Vancouver Island." With this was also presented to the gallant commander a large crayon portrait of the late Archbishop, which hangs in quiet corner of his snug cabin on the *Thetis*.

This week the steamer will go to Mare Island. Notwithstanding the rumors which have been floating around that the *Thetis* will be ordered to sea again to look for the whaler *Ohio* (second), her off-

THE largest professional fee for limited service is said to have been paid to Surg. Maj. Frey-r, of the Indian Medical Service, for treating the Nawab of Rampoor for three months' suffering from rheumatic fever. The Nawab gave him a sum of rupees, \$50,000.

THE English Government has, by proclamation, assumed a protectorate over Sarawak, the Brunel Sultanate and the territories of the North Borneo country—that is, over the whole northern half of Borneo from the sea down to the indefinite line at which the Dutch territory begins. It is stated that the resources of the island are being rapidly developed, both in minerals and agriculture, and that it will shortly be a rich possession.

(From the Buffalo Express.)

INFORMATION FOR COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF



STORIES of Abe Lincoln always pass as coin anywhere, and it is not too late for a new one. It was told by his son Robert to a friend in Washington, and there is no doubt of its genuineness. "My father, while President," said Robert Lincoln, "liked to stroll about Washington without any escort or show of distinction, and he sometimes strayed into curious company. One day, as a lad I accompanied him down a back street, where we encountered a regiment of soldiers marching past. My father was curious to learn what particular body of troops this was, and as soon as he came within hailing distance he inquired, without addressing anybody in particular, 'Well, what's this?' Quick as the word came a reply from somewhere in the detachment, 'Why, it's a regiment of soldiers, you old fool, you!'"

TERRIBLE AS ARMIES WITH BANNERS: Two large processions encountered each other on the public highway near Indianapolis. "Let us pass," said the leader of one, "we are the men that first nominated Harrison for President." "We have the right of way," haughtily replied the leader of the other procession, "we are the men that went to school with him when we were a boy!" And the shock of the collision shook the earth and broke all the windows for miles around.—Chicago Tribune.

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ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

E. L.—Lieut. J. B. Hughes, 10th U. S. Cavalry, is stationed at Fort Apache, Arizona.

J. D.—Consult your company commander as to your chances for a General Service clerkship or messengership, and ask him to favorably recommend your desire to the Assistant Adjutant General, Headquarters Dept. of the Missouri, Fort Leavenworth.

J. H. S.—There are over fifty ahead of you on the Commissary Sergeant list.

R.—General William Seward, the son of President Lincoln's Secretary of State, lives in the Seward homestead at Auburn, N. Y.

G. A. R.—Chapter 5, section 1996, of the United States election and naturalization laws states that: "All persons who deserted . . . and did not return and report to a provost marshal within sixty days after the proclamation . . . of the 11th of March, 1866, are deemed to have voluntarily relinquished and forfeited the rights of citizenship, as well as their right to become citizens; and . . .

shall be forever incapable of holding office . . . or of exercising any rights of citizens."

S. R. P. asks: "Can a soldier get discharged before his term of enlistment is up by applying to a Senator or Representative from his State, and would it be advisable to apply this way himself or get his parents to do it?" Ans.—A discharge might be procured in the manner suggested, but Senators and Representatives are weary of such applications, and are fully sensible that it is to the injury of the Service to bring their influence to bear upon the War Department to secure personal favors. Besides, the War Department is not at all apt to grant such favors. Better serve your time out like a man, and by strict attention to duty make the best of your soldier life.

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Loyal Legion Notes.

In the February No. Capt. Chas. King will resume his "Trials of a Staff Officer" series; Capt. Edward Field, U. S. A., will write of "Battle Tactics." Mr. E. L. Keyes begins a serial entitled the "Garrison Belle," and Lieut. H. R. Lemly, U. S. A., furnishes a paper on the "Physical Training of Soldiers"; Col. Closson continues his "Chronicles," and the Navy will be represented in articles from three officers of that branch of the Service.

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Young Reader.—There will be a vacancy at the Naval Academy from the 2d Ohio District in 1889. Regulations governing admission will be mailed you by addressing Chief Clerk of the Navy Department.

Anxious asks: Will there be any changes of station soon of the 1st and 5th and 2d and 4th Regiments of Artillery, and is there anything official about the rumor? Ans.—Changes of stations of artillery regiments are contemplated next spring, but there is no official announcement so far as to what the changes will be.

Old Soldier says: A. is discharged at a western post; has then no intention of re-enlisting; disposes of all his uniform clothing; comes East, changes his mind, and enlists (within the limits). Is he entitled to the privilege granted recruits under G. O. 18, A. G. O., of 1887? Ans.—Yes. We know of cases in point.

J. K.—Is any foreign nation, either European, Asiatic, African or South American (except England) in need of an officer, not below the rank of captain, from the United States, for their army? Please give an idea of what kind of

discipline they have. If it is equal to that practiced in our own Army, if such should be wanted, what would you think of accepting a commission from abroad?" Ans.—As we do not know of any opening for you, it is not worth while to occupy space with answering your other questions. Personally we should decline to accept military commission from abroad. If any of the thrones of Europe should become vacant we might consider a proposition to occupy it if we could do so without surrendering our American citizenship. You had better stay at home and grow up with the country.



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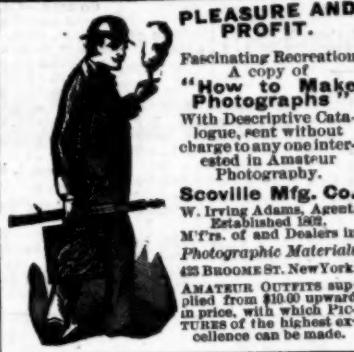
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HOES—GOVERNEUR.—At the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, Washington, D. C., Dec. 5, Chaplain ROSEWELL RANDALL HOES, U. S. Navy, to Miss ROSE DE CHINE GOVERNUR.

ROBINSON—MCLEAREN.—At Brooklyn, N. Y., Nov. 26, by the Rev. Donald McLaren, D. D., U. S. Navy, assisted by the Rev. Thomas H. Robinson, D. D., Miss ANNA GREEN, daughter of the officiating clergyman, to Professor WM. A. ROBINSON, of the Lehigh University.

WATSON—MCCLURE.—At Fort Leavenworth, Kas., Nov. 22, Hospital Steward JOHN WATSON, U. S. Army, to Miss MARY E. MCCLURE.

DIED.

AYRES.—At Fort Hamilton, N. Y. H., at 11:45 A. M., Dec. 4, Brevet Major-General ROMEYN B. AYRES, Colonel, 2d U. S. Artillery.

CABELL.—At Fort Meade, Dakota, Nov. 21, Mrs. CABELL, wife of Lieutenant DeRosey C. Cabell, 8th U. S. Cavalry.

CORBIN.—CAROLINE CHRISTOBAL, daughter of Henry Clarke and Frances Strickle Corbin. Born Fort Craig, New Mexico, Sept. 18, 1868, died in Chicago, evening of Dec. 1, 1888. "None knew her but to love her." Funeral, private, at the family residence, 149 Blue street, Chicago, Ill., Dec. 2, 4:30 P.M. Interment Maplewood Cemetery, Wilmington, O.

EVANS.—At Elkton, Md., Dec. 5, the Hon. ALEX. EVANS, son of the late Surgeon Amos A. Evans, U. S. Navy, and brother of Colonel Andrew W. Evans, U. S. Army, retired.

HOOVER.—At the residence of her brother, Naval Constructor John B. Hoover, U. S. N., Navy-yard, Brooklyn, N. Y., Dec. 1, EMILIE V. HOOVER.

NOONAN.—At Charlestown, Mass., Nov. 21, WILLIAM JOSEPH NOONAN, aged 23 years, a brother of 2d Assistant Engineer E. J. Noonan, U. S. R. M.

SIMPSON.—At Washington, D. C., Dec. 1, Rear Admiral EDWARD SIMPSON, U. S. Navy, retired.

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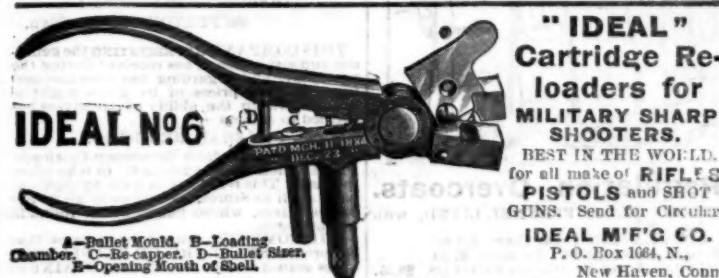
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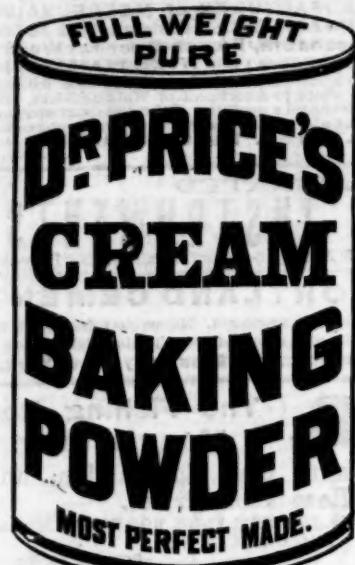
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